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TIME-TABLE.

WEEKDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	11.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yamat ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	11.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	11.21	1.36	2.36	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.16	8.41	9.46	10.36	11.36	1.51	2.51	5.11	6.21
Taipei Market Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	11.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	11.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.55	11.55	2.10	3.10	5.30	6.40
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.41	9.06	10.11	11.01	12.01	2.16	3.16	5.36	6.46
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	8.38	—	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.43	9.48	10.38	11.38	1.53	2.53	5.13	6.23
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.25	8.50	9.55	10.45	11.45	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	11.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Taipei Market Dep.	7.40	9.05	10.10	11.00	12.00	2.15	3.15	5.35	6.45
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	9.09	10.14	11.04	12.04	2.19	3.19	5.39	6.49
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	9.22	10.27	11.17	12.17	2.32	3.32	5.52	7.02
Yamat ...Dep.	8.11	9.36	10.41	11.31	12.31	2.46	3.46	6.06	7.16
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.42	10.47	11.37	12.37	2.52	3.52	6.12	7.22

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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Our London Letter.

THE GREAT FLOOD.

HAVOC IN LONDON.

WHO IS TO BLAME.

SEARCH FOR A SCAPEGOAT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, January 14th.
The talk of the week in London has been the great flood which overflowed from the Thames along the banks from Putney down to Woolwich. At several points breaches were made in the river embankments and people were trapped while sleeping in basement rooms. In all fourteen lives were lost. At the Tate Gallery a large number of Turner drawings were damaged. Further down the Thames warehouses were flooded and a vast amount of merchandise was rendered useless. Those are the essential facts; but it would be impossible to convey any adequate idea of the toll of suffering represented by the onrush of the waters which took people unawares.

The disaster was due to a combination of factors. The Thames was swollen with melted snow and heavy rains, and there was an extraordinary high tide, and a gale from the North-West. The river rushing down in spite met the tide, the water was backed up by the wind, and the result was a flood bigger than anything of the kind in living memory. "The level of the river was six feet higher than at an ordinary high tide, and thus we had it bursting the embankment and creating havoc."

In the London papers a demand is made for an inquiry, and no doubt some investigation is needed to reassure the public. It is said that there is no precedent in the history of an English city for what happened on this occasion. Paris is well used to watch the Seine rise along her ramparts and quays, to gauge the growth of the menace to life and property, and to rouse the sleeping populace with drum and trumpet. But the Thames has accepted discipline for a hundred years and more in its journey through the Capital.

An attempt is being made to fix the blame for the absence of warning on somebody, though it is difficult to say on whom. The Len Conservancy Board is responsible for the upper reaches of the river, and the Port of London Authority for the stretches from Westminster to the North Sea. But if it is true, as we are solemnly assured, that the flood was an "act of God," as the lawyers and the insurance companies say, it is small use trying to find a scapegoat. What is wanted is a statement on engineering authority whether the defences along the course of the river are strong enough.

Several Theories.

There are several theories to account for the disaster. One is that the embanking of the Thames is responsible. The increased scour due to the embanking of the river has undermined Waterloo Bridge, and the suggestion is that this scouring process may have raised the bed of the Thames by depositing mud in unexpected places, instead of it being spread and deposited in areas that are regularly flooded at high tide. For light on the subject we must look to the engineers.

The Prince Of Wales.

The Prince of Wales was the host a few nights ago at a gathering of nearly a thousand guests comprising farmers and hunting men in the De Montfort Hall, Leicester. The company included the Duke of York and Prince Henry, Lord Londonderry, the Duke of Rutland and many other notables. Farmers in the hunt country in which the Prince of Wales is accustomed to ride formed the majority of the guests. A jollier function it would have been impossible to imagine.

It was noticed that the Prince, who shook hands with everyone as they arrived, was particularly cordial towards a number of veteran labourers who were included in the company just as in the old days when the squires held sway, and all classes connected with the land dined together once a year.

YORK MINSTER PAGEANT.

ARCHBISHOP IN GOLD AND A CROWD OF 10,000.

HOW THE NEW YEAR WAS CELEBRATED.

York, Jan. 1st.

A living tableau of some medieval scene will be the abiding memory which 10,000 worshippers at York Minster will have of the passing of the old year. It was as though York Minster to mark the close of her 1,300th anniversary had revived a portion of her ancient pomp.

The tones of the great bell Big Peter tolling the midnight hour had scarcely died away, when the western doors of the Minster were flung open. Buglers from the Border Regiment sounded the Reveille, and then the Archbishop of York, Dr. Lang, wearing his mitre and cope of cloth of gold, preceded by the cross bearer, walked out of the Minster and stepped on to a raised dais, his suffragan bishops and chaplains in robes standing on the Minster steps behind him.

As the Archbishop gave the blessing the great crowd outside stood hushed. A far off in the echoing silence of the night came snatches of carol singing and sounds of boisterous merry-making.

Service Broadcasted.

The Minster was crowded. The service, which was broadcast throughout the British Isles, began with a fanfare on 18th century trumpets and the roll of drums, and after a Te Deum Dr. Lang said a word of remembrance in the floor of the nave at the west end.

Addressing the congregation, the Archbishop said that the Church was passing through a new and momentous stage in its history. "Let us be willing for the sake of both truth and charity to find room within a generous fellowship for all movements of thought, experience, and worship which are consistent with the place given in Christendom to the Church of England."

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The menu consisted of real English fare—ox-tail soup, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, turkey with sausage and bread sauce, baked potatoes and vegetables, and Christmas pudding. The Prince of Wales gave the note of conviviality at the commencement of the evening by saying he should be treated as a "good fellow" in the company of "jolly good fellows." And soon after the toast of "The King" the roof rang with the strains of "A Hunting We Will Go," and other old songs of the chase.

Secret Of His Popularity.

It would not be too much to say that in this country the Prince of Wales is the most popular heir to the Throne that we have had for generations. It is true also of the Dominions, particularly Canada. There, as everyone knows the most humble citizens hold the theory that everyone is as good as everyone else, and, in fact, a trifle better. It is customary for Canadian farmers to eat the evening meal with their farm hands; and consequently when the Prince of Wales first visited his Canadian ranch there was the utmost curiosity to see what would happen. What did happen vastly pleased the temper of the West, and won the hearts of all Canadians. On entering the dining-room the Prince took off his jacket, a Canadian fashion, and hung it on a peg behind the door. Then he gave a friendly word of greeting to the men, and sat down in his shirt sleeves to supper with them as every other rancher in Alberta was doing at about the same hour.

This is how the Prince of Wales wins the hearts of the people. He is a good mixer, as the saying is, and not only is he at home in any company, but he has the happy knack of always doing the right thing in a simple way to put everyone at their ease.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament.
Entrance close, noon.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.
Fanning Hunt: Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.
U.S.R.C. Tennis Tournament: Finals, 3 p.m.
Formal opening of the Club de Recreo new club-house at King's Park, by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Yachting.
Cricket League:—Division I: C.S.C.C. v. R.G.A.; I.R.C. "A" v. University.
Friendly Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.; Police R.C. 2nd XI. v. University 2nd XI.; Chinese R.O. v. Scots Guards.
Football League:—Division I: Kowloon v. Queen's; Royal Artillery v. Recreo; Scots Guards v. Chinese Athletic; South China v. Royal Air Force; Club v. K.O.S.B. Division II: "A": South China v. Chinese Athletic; South China v. "B"; Royal Artillery v. K.O.S.B. "A"; St. Joseph's; Kowloon v. University; Club v. Recreo.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 a.m.
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.
R.E. and W.O.'s and Sgt. Mess Dance, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
Hong Kong Boxing Association Tournament, Lee Theatre, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."
Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."

Sunday.

Septuagesima.
Beginning of Spring (Li-ch'un).
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning Junior Championship (first round).
Fanning Hunt: Point-to-Point Meeting, Lok Ma Chau, 11 a.m.
Yachting.
Cricket: Club de Recreo v. Volunteers, 2 p.m.
Theological Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Winning of Barbara Worth."
Star Theatre: "Palm Beach Girl."

Monday.

Feast of Lanterns (Shang-yuan-chieh).
Pope Pius XI. elected, 1922.
31st Ordinary annual meeting, China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., 6th floor, Pedder Building, noon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. H.K.S.R.A. III.

Lecture by Professor J. L. Shekhar on "Evolution of the Intelligence," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Winning of Barbara Worth."
Star Theatre: "Palm Beach Girl."
The Banvard Musical Company present "Katja, The Dancer," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
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Tuesday.

23rd Annual Meeting the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Dodwell's offices, 11 a.m.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club and XI. v. Club de Recreo, King's Park, 8 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Gaucho."
World Theatre: "Irresistible Lover."
Star Theatre: "The Eagle."
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REST AT LAST.

ROUEN, Jan. 8th.
Loneliness and rest have been
captured at last by Lady Houston,
England's wealthiest woman,
widow of the great shipowner, Sir
Robert Houston.

She is living now for the time
being in her splendid yacht
Liberty, lying at moorings in a
wide reach of the Seine, some dis-
tance from the tiny village of Val
De La Hay, between Rouen and
the sea.

The anchorage has been well
chosen for complete remoteness.
There is no habitation in sight;
nothing but the wind-swept river
and the wintry hills. The crew find
their greatest excitement in watch-
ing a passing oil-tanker or Welsh
collier. The only link with the
rest of the world is the occasional
trip of the Liberty's motor launch
to Rouen for supplies.

Lady Houston came here just
after Christmas, crossing the Chan-
nel in the wildest storm of the
year, when even the Dover Packet
boats suspended their service, and
she remains here until she has
secured elsewhere in France.

She has no personal friends with
her, only her young woman secre-
tary and her servants, and, in the
background, as a part of her realm,
the sixty officers and men of the
Liberty—the sixteen hundred-ton
pleasure ship which costs approxi-
mately £700 a week to maintain in
commission.

Sale Of Securities.

When I visited the Liberty,
journeying by a villainous motor
road out of Rouen, I learned the
reasons which prompted Lady
Houston to seek this luxurious
state of solitude away from Eng-
land.

For some time past she has her-
self been directing the whole of
the negotiations for the sale of
securities valued at £1,500,000,
which, when realised, will go to the
settlement of her cheque for that
amount which she passed to Mr.
Churchill at the Treasury.

All this business has naturally
been a trying task. Lady Houston
claims that she is the only woman
in the world who has ever taken
over such financial dealings entire-
ly on her own initiative. Now,
when the transactions are all but
complete, she desires to rest.

She looks back on her interviews
with Mr. Churchill and Sir Dou-
glas Hogg, the chief law officer of
the Government, with some mea-
sure of pride and satisfaction.
She feels proud that she, as a
woman acting without advice and
on her own initiative, met and
tailed those two members of the
Cabinet, as she did. Particularly
so as at the first interview Mr.
Churchill sought to obtain
£2,500,000 from her, and at the end
he was glad to accept a million
pounds less than that figure, as an
act of grace on her part.

Begging Letters.

Another of the reasons why Lady
Houston came away from London
and into loneliness was to escape
the enormous number of begging
letters which reach her. A num-
ber of the most pathetic of these
appeals she had investigated, only
to receive a report that in every
case the writer was a fraud or a
professional beggar.

Consequently she has turned her
back on all this correspondence,
and has escaped it in her yacht.
It is now nearly two years ago
that Sir Robert Houston, her hus-
band, died in Jersey, leaving a
fortune of £7,000,000. Lady
Houston still believes firmly that
there was something sinister in the
death of her husband. She states
her argument for this with em-
phasis. It was because of her feel-
ing in this matter that she had en-
graved on her husband's tombstone
the words, "who died most
mysteriously."

The greater part of her time in
the Liberty is spent in the large
fore cabin, which is her bedroom.
All the windows on one side of the
cabin, giving on to the promenade
deck, are kept fully open, and
through them she watches the river
steamer traffic passing.

So she lives with her thoughts
and her memories, and finds rest.

THE GOLDEN CALF.

The newest thing in Paris clothes
are gold and silver "ladies' hose."
They're made of metal thread and
chose to match are worn (says
Central News).

The new mode tends silk to a
frazzle, such stockings make a girl's
eyes dazzle, and Israel never knew
one half "bout worshipping" the
Golden Calf.

YOUNG WIFE'S DEATH.

MEDICAL-ELECTRICIAN SENT
FOR TRIAL.

EX-NAVAL OFFICER'S
EVIDENCE.

At Marlborough-street, Police

Court, Charles Jackson Palmer,
fifty-nine, medical electrician, of
Upper Brook-street, Mayfair, was
charged with the murder of Mrs.
Elsie Alice Goldsmith, the twenty-
one-year-old wife of Valentine H.
Goldsmith, wireless expert, of
Gordon-square, W.C.

Dr. Henry Weir, who made the
post-mortem examination, said
death was due to syncope and
shock. Mrs. Goldsmith was expect-
ing to become a mother.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., who
appeared for Palmer, suggested
that death from electrocution
might be described as from shock.

Dr. Weir said he believed that
in electrocution death was due to
respiratory failure.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury agreed
that death was due to shock fol-
lowing an injection of some soapy
solution. In his opinion the effect
would be immediate, and death
would result in a minute or two.

Cross-examined by Mr. Birkett,
Sir Bernard said death from elec-
trocution was "sometimes death
from shock and sometimes from the
injuries caused. If there were no
marks of injury, death was due to
shock."

Electrocution.

Mr. Birkett: Is that the stop-
page of the heart's action?—Sir
Bernard: Sometimes, yes. It de-
pends upon the strength of the
current, the nature of the current,
and the course which it takes
through the body.

Sir Bernard agreed that there
were some known cases where death
was occasioned from a small elec-
trical current. He thought that
in this case death was due to shock
from an injection rather than
from electrocution. He thought
that shock and death followed im-
mediately upon an injection.

Mr. Valentine Harry Goldsmith,
a retired Paymaster-Commander of
the Royal Navy, said he was mar-
ried in September, the honeymoon
being spent on the Riviera. His
wife became nervous about herself,
and, stayed indoors during the
evening instead of wanting to go
out to dances or to the theatre. Wit-
ness described their first visit to
the defendant's establishment. His
wife asked him if he wanted to stay
during the consultation, and when
he replied he did not mind what
he did, his wife replied, "Run
along then. I will do the talking."

Replying to Mr. Birkett, witness
said: "My wife was an extra-
ordinary mixture of a very bril-
liant little girl and an extreme
child. She wrote and she was bril-
liant in many ways. She was very
independent and self-confident."

Highly Sensitive.

"Did your wife appear to be
rather highly-strung?"—"Yes."

And sensitive amount money

matters—Yes, very.

Mr. Percival Clarke (re-examin-
ing): What do you mean by sen-
sitive about money matters?

Witness: Well, let me give an
instance. A fortnight before her
death she told me she had taken a
course of vibro-massage for her
head. I thought, perhaps, she had
been talked over by a clever barber,
and mentioned it to her. She flar-
ed up for a moment, and I realised
that one must handle these things
gently."

Mr. Birkett submitted that there
was no case for committal on the
charge of murder. It had been
laid down that in cases of alleged
legal acts it must be proved by
the prosecution that the act was
one which any reasonable man
might reasonably expect to cause
death. Sir Bernard Spilsbury had
said that in this case the possibility
of death was remote.

After Mr. Clarke had replied,
Mr. Mead, the magistrate, said he
did not think he was at liberty to
reduce the charge from murder to
manslaughter. That would have to
be settled in a higher Court.

Palmer, who reserved his defence,
was committed for trial at the Old
Bailey.

CONDEMNED CELL BABY

MOTHER SINGS TO HER.

PARIS.

Songs and the laughter of a baby
girl can be heard issuing from the
condemned cell at Beauvais, where
Yvonne Loleu has been imprisoned
for two months until sentence of
death for the murder of her hus-
band, a wealthy farmer.

Her lover, Marcel Jacquet,
who plotted with her, was senten-
ced to death at the same time. The
woman's child, of which Jacquet
is the father, was born in jail six
months ago. Her mother sings
continuously to her.

It is thought certain that Loleu's
sentence will be commuted to life
imprisonment, as no woman has
been executed in France for 50
years. In that case she will be
allowed to keep her baby until it
is two years of age. It will then
be taken from her for ever, and
entrusted to an orphanage.

MAN WHO CANNOT CATCH COLD.

IMMUNE FOR FIFTEEN
YEARS.

NO UNDERCLOTHES.

There is a man in London who
has not had a cold for fifteen years.
He is Mr. Mark Clement, of the
Physiology Department in the
Middlesex Hospital, London, W.,
and he attributes his "well-nigh
Olympian immunity" to the fact
that he wears no underclothing.

Mr. Clement has made desperate
efforts to catch cold during past
years, for the sake of science, but
all his efforts to do so have failed.

"The fact that my own im-
munity from colds has been so re-
markably consistent has led me to
speculate why normal, healthy
people are so prone to catch them,"
he writes in the current issue of
the "Lancet."

"In my opinion it is often be-
cause their clothes are grossly in
excess of their actual needs, and
I think that the subject of over-
clothing demands our serious con-
sideration."

"The modern Briton as soon as
he is born is promptly wrapped up
in yards of woollens, and though it
is, of course, true that the heat-
regulating mechanism of the
human infant remains undeveloped
for some time, this is no reason
for continuing the wrapping-up
process when the organism has be-
come acclimatised to its surround-
ings."

Throughout Childhood.

"The ritual of mummifying
babies is continued throughout
childhood and adolescence, so that
the skin rarely comes into direct
contact with air and light, its
natural stimuli."

"A sudden change of tem-
perature may suffice to cause a cold in
people whose heat-regulating
mechanism has been vitiated by
unphysiological nursing."

"As a matter of routine, there-
fore, the whole body should be ex-
posed to the light daily, summer
and winter, for a certain time, and
no underclothing need be worn by
normal, healthy individuals. The
adoption of this somewhat Spartan
regime will raise the general tone
of the organism and vivify every
bodily function."

"This is a rule I have strictly
observed for the past fifteen years,
during which my immunity from
colds has been well-nigh Olympian.
I must add that I have done my
utmost to catch cold by visiting the
most virulent cases, but so far all
my wilful attempts to infect my-
self have dimly failed."

"I still continue to eschew
underclothing throughout the year,
and I never feel the need for it in
any weather."

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FILM STAR DEAD IN HER HOUSE.

MAID'S DISCOVERY IN A
LOCKED ROOM.
LAST LETTERS.

PARIS, Jan. 4th.
Mlle. Claude France, the French
cinema star, was found dead by
her chambermaid when she entered
her mistress' bedroom this morn-
ing. The door was locked.

The maid, after knocking many
times, became frightened, and tele-
phoned to friends of the actress,
who rushed to her house and sent
for a locksmith.

When the door was forced there
was a strong smell of gas, and it
was found that the key of a gas
stove was turned on.

"Abandoned."

Two letters were left by Mlle.
France. She explained in them
that she had been abandoned by a
dear friend who had not even sent
her flowers at Christmas or New
Year's Eve, and therefore she had
resolved to end her life.

The real name of Mlle. Claude
France was Mme. Vignery, and
she was thirty-three years old. She
lived in a luxurious private house
in the Rue de la Faisanderie,
which is in the centre of the most
fashionable residential section of
Paris. Mlle. France rapidly came
to the front in cinema circles, and
was the first French actress to play
in Germany after the war. The
last big film she made was "Lady
Harrington," and she had just
completed a new film named
"Bichy."

ANTARCTIC JOYS.

TENDER BEEF AND FRESH
VENISON.

"Tender beef and fresh venison
are to be found in the very midst
of Antarctic ice floes," said Dr.
E. H. Marshall in a lecture at the
Aeolian Hall, New Bond-street, W.,
on "The Research Ship Discovery
in the Antarctic." Dr. Marshall
was the ship's medical officer.

His audience, composed mostly
of young people, opened their eyes
very wide at the statement, and
nearly all decided to be explorers
when they grew up.

"And," added Dr. Marshall,
"these tasty dishes are to be seen
swimming about in the sea for any
brave hunter to kill."

The eyes of the children opened
wider.

But he then explained that
while meat freshly caught was as
good as any beef, while the flesh
of seals was much like tender-
venison.

Nor are other comforts of
civilization lacking in the Antarc-
tic, such as margarine and soap,
for these commodities abound in
the raw state and are to be seen
frisking about in the portly per-
sons of elephant seals.

By this time many of the girls
in the audience, and certainly all
the boys, had decided to become
Shackletons or Scotts. But their
ardour was slowly chilled by the
too frozen beauties of that South-
ern shore, as revealed to them by
the magic lantern.

Before they went home most of
them decided that they would stick
to the original career they had
planned for themselves, and would
not change from being soldiers or
engine-drivers for all the frozen
beef in the world.

HIGH TREASON TRIAL AT LEIPZIG.

"DARK ROOM" POLITICS.
THE NOTORIOUS ZINOVIEFF
LETTER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEIPZIG, February 2nd.

A sensational high treason trial,
at which the notorious Zinovieff
Letter was brought into consider-
able prominence, ended at the Leip-
zig Supreme Court to-day, when the
ex-convict, Anton Schreck, was sen-
tenced to five years' penal servitude.

Schreck was in the dock for "the
repeated crime of the forgery of
documents and offences against the
espionage laws."

The prosecution accused Schreck
of selling to Poland and France
military documents which hampered
the negotiations in connection with
the Locarno Peace Conference when
presented as proof of German in-
sincerity.

The German pacifist, Karl
Mertens, who attended the Court,
travelling from Geneva to Leipzig
on a "safe-conduct," as there is a
warrant out against him on a
treason charge, in his evidence said
that it was rumoured at Geneva
that the Zinovieff Letter was forged
at No. 1, Anhaltstrasse, Berlin,
which turned out to be the house in
which Schreck lived.

The Public Prosecutor said it was
quite evident that the most dan-
gerous things designed against the
peace of the world went on in the
"dark-room" at No. 1, Anhalt-
strasse.

Two other men accused with
Schreck, Hermann Koch and H.
Schulz, were also sentenced. Koch
was sent to penal servitude for 22
months and fined 100 marks on a
charge of attempted high treason,
and Schulz was sentenced to four
and a half months' imprisonment
on a charge of perjury.

BIG U.S. STEEL COMPANY.

CONTROLLED BY FOUR
WOMEN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, February 2nd.

Following the death of Mr. James
Corrigan, the millionaire steel mag-
nate, last week, the control of the
Corrigan-McKinley Steel Company,
which is capitalised at \$14,000,000,
has passed into the hands of four
women.

The principal stockholder is Mrs.
Corrigan, his widow, the well-known
London Society hostess.

HUNGARY'S WHITE REGIME.

POLITICAL WRITER HEAVILY
SENTENCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUDAPEST, February 2nd.

Louis Hatvany, the famous writer
and politician, was sentenced, after
a trial lasting one day, to seven
years' imprisonment, a fine of \$300,
the payment of \$17,500 to the
Treasury, the payment of the costs
of the prosecution, and the loss of
political rights for ten years.

These drastic penalties were in-
flicted in consequence of his writ-
ings, criticising the White regime
in Hungary while he was in exile
following the downfall of the Com-
munist regime.

On his return from exile, Hatvany
was arrested and tried on a charge
of damaging the good name of Hun-
gary abroad.

"ILL-FED SCHOOLBOYS."

HOUSEMASTERS' PROFIT
CONDEMNED.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The character of the food at
many expensive hotels and at some
public schools was the subject of
criticism at the meeting of the
Food Education Society at Univer-
sity College, London, on January
4th.

Considering the prices hotels
and restaurants charge for their
food, they give us very poor stuff,"
said Dr. Harry Campbell, who
presided.

Mr. Charles E. Hecht, speaking
on "The Reform of Institutional
Housekeeping: A New Career for
Women," mentioned as an instance
of the need for reform the case of
a famous public school where meat
was given in excess and frequently
appeared at supper within two or
three hours of tea.

"Sausage rolls, cold meat, and
galantine figure on the menu," he
said, "though quite unsuitable for
boys, some of whom soon after go
to bed. Food of this kind makes
neither for good health nor for
good morals."

He quoted Dr. Walter Kennedy
as stating: "Parents would be
amazed if they knew how often
margarine is substituted for butter,
and how often separated milk is
supplied in schools. The dietary
regime of the workhouse is often
superior to that of the public
schools. It may not be so appetis-
ing, but it is adjusted more accu-
rately to the needs of the body."

(Continued at foot of next column.)

ETHYL PETROL.

BANNED IN NEW YORK.

ITS CLAIMS AND ITS
DANGERS.

London, Jan. 9th.

A new motor fuel called Pratt's
ethyl petrol, which is petrol con-
taining a small proportion of the
much-discussed ingredient tetra-
ethyl lead, is to be placed on the
market.

Tetraethyl lead is made from al-
cohol and lead. It is claimed that
when introduced into petrol it
eliminates pinking and generally
improves the running of motor
engines.

A heated controversy followed its
first appearance in the United
States. Several deaths occurred in
New Jersey in October 1924 during
experimental work connected with
its manufacture. The victims were
overcome with a peculiar form of
madness, but eventually the United
States Bureau of Mines gave tetra-
ethyl "a clean bill of health,"

stipulating at the same time the
safety proportions in which it
might be mixed with petrol.

The spirit was forbidden to be
sold in New York City, and it is
still forbidden, as reported below
by our New York correspondent.

THE PETROL TESTED.

A SMELL LIKE ETHER FROM
THE EXHAUST.

I have had an opportunity of
trying a small quantity of this new
petrol, writes the motoring corres-
pondent of the *Daily Mail*, the test
being made with a 14-h.p. car. The
claim that the use of tetraethyl
lead (the proportion is one part to
1,300 of petrol) reduces pinking
was borne out during the trial. In
this connection it must be remem-
bered, however, that while the
sound may be eliminated the effects
may be unchanged and, in addi-
tion, the driver is deprived of
audible warning.

On hills it was possible to climb
with the ignition fully advanced,
whereas with ordinary petrol it
would have been necessary to re-
tard the ignition to avoid pinking.
This gave a faster climb. The en-
gine also ran more smoothly. With
ordinary petrol this fault could be
brought about by retarding the
ignition but with a sacrifice of a
certain amount of speed.

A small rather like ether was
given off from the exhaust and was
noticeable inside the car with the
all-weather equipment rigged.

I should certainly, if I were
using this fuel, be very careful not
to run the engine inside a closed
garage. The colour of the new
fuel is red. This is merely for the
purpose of identification, the petrol
being coloured by the use of minute
quantities of red aniline dye.

The price is to be 1s. 3d. a
gallon from pumps in the London
zone and 1s. 4d. a gallon in the
country. This is 2d. a gallon more
than ordinary petrol for private
cars.

NEW YORK BAN.

Ethyl petrol is now sold in all
parts of the United States, with
the exception of New York, where
the original ban on its use is still
maintained. As a matter of fact,
those interested report that its
dangers were always more chimeri-
cal than real to the users of it.

The deaths that occurred were in
manufacturing the plants, and the
risk of these has been eliminated
by extreme care, the workmen being
equipped never to handle tobacco
or eat until the hands have been
cleaned.

Only one poisoning case was re-
ported last year, and that was
through contact with engine parts
sent in for repair after the con-
tinued use of the ethyl petrol.

The demand for knock-free fuels
at premium prices is increasing
rapidly in this country. The
larger refiners, however, are equip-
ping their works as speedily as
possible to manufacture knock-free
fuels at a lower cost by means
other than with mixture with ethyl
lead.

Some valve burning troubles are
reported as due to the excessive use
of ethyl by inexperienced dealers
and to the consequent slow flame
propagation, but no troubles have
occurred where the scientific data
supplied by the Ethyl Corporation
have been correctly used. Ethyl
fluid is now only supplied to manu-
facturers having a suitable equip-
ment and apparatus for handling it.

Again, the private soldier of the
Army is better fed than the average
public schoolboy.

A direct incentive to the practice
of economising in food was that
the heads of houses in public
schools were expected to earn their
means of retiring out of the profits
of the house.

LONDON STARS FOR HONG KONG.

THE BANVARD MUSICAL
COMPANY.

OPENING WITH "KATJA THE
DANCER" ON MONDAY.

The Banvard Musical Company
who are commencing a short sea-
son of musical comedies at the
Theatre Royal on Monday promise
performances of a kind that we
should consider ourselves very lucky
to see out East.

The Company includes 23 artists,
recruited from the old Daly's and
Gaiety Companies in London and
this is their first experience "East
of Suez."

On Monday and Tuesday "Katja
the Dancer" will be produced, to
be followed by "Queen High" on
Wednesday and Thursday, and
"Mercenary Mary" on Thursday,
Friday and Saturday. The other
performances start at 9.15 p.m.
Further plays are to be announced
later.

The three musical comedies men-
tioned all did extremely well in
London, "Katja the Dancer" run-
ning for 18 months at the Gaiety
and Daly's.

The Company has just completed
a most successful tour of the larger
towns in India, Burma, and the
Straits Settlements. In India they
had quite a triumphal progress and
broke all booking office records.

It is a very common complaint in
Hong Kong that so few "good
shows" come our way, and now
that one is coming along it is up
to us to give it a really good wel-
come, and make sure of a return
visit.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING
JANUARY 25th.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Plague.

22 cases at Aden (8 deaths).
Bassett (3 deaths).
Bombay (2 deaths).
Calcutta (1 death).
Rangoon (7 deaths).
1 case at Colombo (1 death).
1 case at Bangkok.

Cholera.

Calcutta (24 deaths).
Madras (3 deaths).
Negapatnam (1 death).
1 case at Secunderabad (1 death).
28 cases at Bangkok (16 deaths).
1 case at Saigon.

Small-pox.

23 cases at Bombay (8 deaths).
11 cases at Calcutta (7 deaths).
10 cases at Madras.
4 cases at Negapatnam (2 deaths).
34 cases at Rangoon (10 deaths).
1 case at Tuticorin.

1 case at Vizagapatnam (1 death).
3 cases at Pondicherry (1 death).
3 cases at Belawan-Deli
(4 deaths).

3 cases at Bandjermasin
(1 death).

4 cases at Chang Chun.
1 case at Dairen.
1 case at Mukden.
3 cases at Shanghai.

EVOLUTION ON THE FILM.

A DARING EXHIBITION IN
GERMANY.

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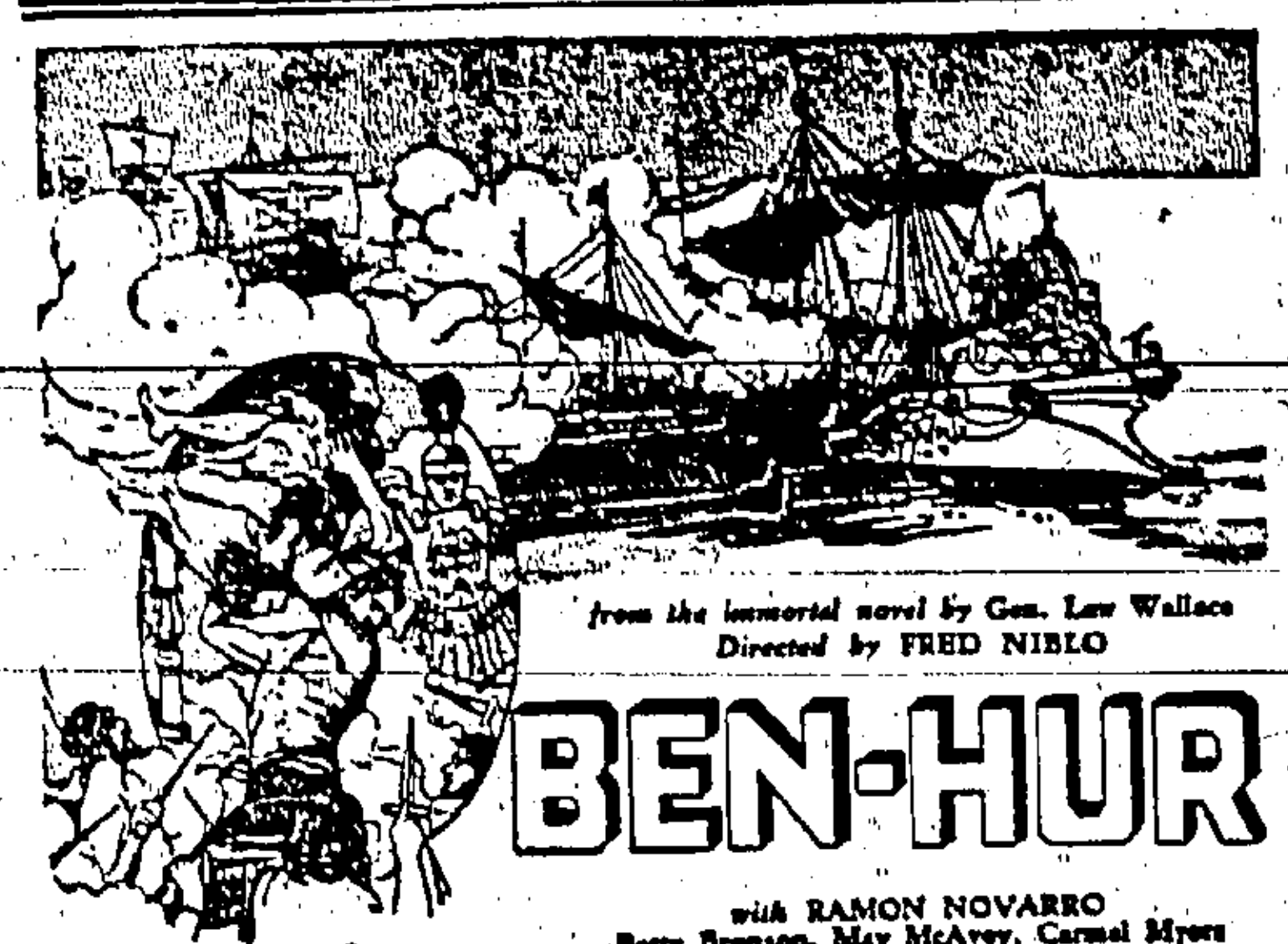
BERLIN, Dec. 26th.

The most daring film ever shown
to the German public was released
by the Ufa Company, as a special
feature of the holiday season. This
is "Love and Nature," the story
of evolution "from the cell to the
human being." Nature is regard-
ed as directed by two forces only,
love and hunger. From the thesis
laid down by Haeckel, the director,
Dr. Ulrich Schulz has taken pic-
tures from various medical, scienti-
fic, and zoological films, inter-
spersed them with a few trick pic-
tures, and shown the continuity of
movement in nature, from the first
currents in which the lowest forms
of life arose, up to the circulation
of the blood.

Nature's relentless will to pro-
pagate the species is demonstrated
not only by the amorous wooing
of the turtle dove, but by the
strange courting of spiders and
snails, rising throughout Nature to
the fights of the male stag. The
different stages of embryonic life,
are shown, as well as the earliest
phases of man's development to-
wards a civilised being. Besides
dwellers on lake piles and in caves,
we are shown cultured chimpanzees
and unhappy human freaks known
to international science.

The German censor, generally
highly averse to young people
under eighteen visiting the cinema,
has passed this picture for those
under that age, possibly believing
that the biological knowledge now
imparted in classrooms may be
more effectively taught in this way.

The captions are reverent, express-
ing belief in a First Cause or
Supreme Creator. No other coun-
try is likely to accept certain of
the medical pictures as they stand,
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a fine scale that the film with these
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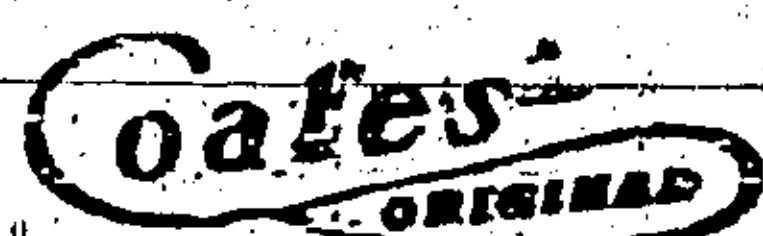
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PROSPERITY IN AMERICA.

GOOD YEAR FORECASTED.

BETTER THAN 1927.

[BY ANDREW W. MELLON.]

During the last year the country has given unmistakable evidence of the fact that underlying conditions are sound. While there has been some recession in business activity from the high levels of 1926, the country has proceeded along normal lines and great progress has been made even in the face of several adverse circumstances.

Certain factors which exercised a deterrent influence in 1927 may be expected to disappear in the coming year. For instance, the decline in the automobile industry, with a resulting effect on the steel industry, was due to special causes, such as a temporary curtailment of output in automobile production. The normal expansion of these major industries, which may reasonably be expected from now on, should have a favourable effect on business in 1928.

All of these circumstances justify us in the belief that we may look forward to continued progress in the year ahead.

Leading business men of America, contributing to the annual symposium of business forecasts compiled by the *Associated Press*, and almost unanimous in the belief that fundamental economic conditions are sound and that 1928 holds promise of increased prosperity. Representatives of the steel, copper, automobile, lumber, electrical and motion picture industries, bankers and railroad men all look for better times next year. The only note of pessimism comes from the oil and coal industries, still suffering from the evils of overproduction.

The Secretary of the Treasury expresses the belief that certain factors which exercised a deterrent influence in 1927 may be expected to disappear in the coming year, pointing out that the country has given unmistakable evidence of the fact that underlying conditions are sound.

Copper.

The copper industry is on a sound basis and extends promise of greater prosperity during 1928 than it has known since the war, in the opinion of Cornelius Kelley, President of the Anaconda Copper Company. Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, points out that stability at higher levels in the price structure accounts in large measure for the improved sentiment in the steel industry.

Oil.

Not since the Cushing field in 1914 and 1915 have crude oil prices remained down for so long as they have now, and the prospects do not indicate an upward revision in the near future, asserts W. C. Teague, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President of the General Motors Corporation, looks for record-breaking automobile production in 1928.

Railways.

Patrick Crowley, President of the New York Central Railroad, anticipates a prosperous year for the railroads and business in general, but holds out little promise of any progress on railroad mergers until the present law is changed. There is every reason for American agriculture to look forward to the future with high hopes, states John A. Bunnell, President of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Edward D. Duffield, President of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, expects increased production of life insurance, a reduced lapse rate and lessening cost. With a smaller number of mills and a large consumption per capita, the outlook for the milling industry is regarded as favourable by Thad. L. Hoffman, President of the Kansas Flour Mills Corporation.

Theatres, etc.

Lee Shubert, President of the Shubert Theatrical Company, expresses the firm conviction that 1928 will be one of the most prosperous years the theatre has ever had. R. A. Long, Chairman of the Long-Bell Lumber Company, looks for much better conditions in the lumber industry. Optimistic views also are expressed by Lewis E. Pierson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; E. M. Herr, President of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company; Irene Du Pont, Chairman of the Board of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Company, and several others.—*Exchange*.

NEW ATTACK ON CANCER.

DR. SAMBON EXPLAINS HIS PLANS.

ISLAND STATIONS TO BE OPENED.

By the decision of the Isle of Man medical authorities to recommend that a site be given on the island for a special research station, the war against cancer has every prospect of entering on a new phase.

The new station will be in charge of Dr. Louis Sambon, the expert in tropical diseases, who has long been convinced that the cancer problem will yield to an investigation carried out on the lines that have proved so successful in the treatment of tropical diseases—the connection between the disease and the conditions accompanying it.

Already in isolated cancer cases this method has proved successful, Dr. Sambon claims, and he is confident that research on these lines, carried out in a circumscribed area, is the most promising line of attack.

Every Facility.

The Medical Society of the Isle of Man has passed the following resolution, and sent it to Dr. Sambon:—

"That the members of the Isle of Man Medical Society, having heard Dr. Louis Sambon's lecture of December 4th, 1927, on his investigations made in the past and his plans for the study of the causes of cancer, wish to express their confidence in the man and his methods, and join with Sir W. Simpson and other distinguished scientists on his committee in recommending to the people of the Isle of Man that they should give Dr. Sambon every facility (both in money and otherwise) to carry on his investigations in the island."

In addition, Dr. Sambon has received notice from the health authorities on the Isle of Wight that they are prepared to give him every facility and assistance should he undertake research work there, while invitations to lecture on his methods have reached him from Westmorland and Newcastle.

"The decisions taken by the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight and the invitations from Westmorland and Newcastle are naturally a great source of satisfaction to me," Dr. Sambon said to the *Sunday Times*. "They are the outcome of the appeal made in the Press just a little more than a year ago by the Tropical Disease Prevention Association for initiating a campaign against cancer on epidemiological and parasitological lines."

"Cancer, I believe, will very probably yield up its secret to the method of investigation that has proved so successful in tropical diseases. In these diseases again and again it has been possible to connect together the cause of the disease and the disease itself by a study of their natural history in the field, and there are indications that cancer will yield to this very line of attack."

"We know that certain forms of cancer come into being as the result of the parasitism of various tiny worms which attack these organs. Knowledge of such factors is fast accumulating. If, as I believe, certain parasites are a common cause, it may and almost certainly would prove possible to eliminate many cases of cancer by merely suppressing such factors, even though we may not yet be in a position thoroughly to understand how they set up the sickness."

"It may well be that we shall find that cancer, while having one specific cause, has a number of different factors—maybe carriers. At first we shall be in the dark as to how they act, but we shall have done a great deal if we find a link in the chain."

Workable Areas.

"This explains why I welcome the opportunities of the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight. Here are two places where the people are different—the prevailing climate, flora and fauna are different. They are small, eminently workable areas."

"I am entering on the campaign with more confidence than I have ever entered on any similar campaign before. I feel certain that the door is only opening to be pressed open, and that the epidemiological method is the key to employ. We shall live to see it proved that animals and plant parasites have an influence on health and disease as great as that of the omnipresent bacterium."

"I should welcome the doctor added, 'if one of the Channel Islands could be included. In that case I should secure the help and co-operation of the Institut Pasteur.'—*Sunday Times*.

CHINESE WOMEN IN SINGAPORE.

HOW RESTRICTIONS HAVE GONE.

BOBBED HAIR AND SHANGHAI DRESS NOW-A-DAYS.

The gradual but complete change in the attitude of the Straits Chinese towards English education for girls has been one of the most important social developments in the Colony during the last half century, and Miss Sophia Blackmore, who leaves Singapore this week on retirement, in her seventy-first year and after over forty years service in this country, can look back to the earliest beginnings of that movement, says the *Straits Times*.

When Miss Blackmore first arrived in Singapore in July, 1887, the status and scope of a daughter in a local Chinese household were very much what they had always been in the civilisation of China.

Miss Blackmore recalls that Chinese mothers sometimes laughed in her face when she suggested that their daughters should attend the small schools which had been started in shophouses in Telok Ayer and Short Street. "We do not want our daughters to earn wages," they should we send them to school?"

Time's Revenge.

Time has worked its revenge, however, and the very women who were amused at the spectacle of Chinese girls setting off to school with their books have lived to see these girls imparting to their own grand-children the instruction, which had once seemed so futile.

Old Prejudices Gone.

The old prejudice has gone almost entirely, and there is now a very keen desire among the Straits Chinese for the education of their daughters. Incidentally, the effect of these English girls' schools in Singapore, upon their modern curriculum, upon the ancient Chinese custom of polygamy in one of the most potent factors which a future student of social history in the Straits will have to take into account. To-day it is not unusual for a Straits Chinese girl to choose her own husband and announce her engagement in the Western fashion, and after attaining the same educational standards as the man of her choice she is very unlikely to allow the old "Tea and Trip" problem to make its appearance.

Social And Economic Changes.

During her time in Singapore Miss Blackmore has seen changes in the social and economic status of Chinese girls which are almost revolutionary. Forty years ago the amount of freedom outside the household which was conceded to the fair sex was very small indeed. When a Chinese woman of social standing went out into the streets she did so in a closed carriage; if she used a rickshaw she had her face with the apron of the vehicle. To-day Chinese girls are teachers, nurses, and typists, and are studying at the College of Medicine, and they will form a good percentage of the students at Raffles College.

The dress of Straits Chinese girls has also changed greatly since the early days of Miss Blackmore's time here. At that time the young girl had her head shaved halfway and the remainder of her hair was tied in a neat plait and smoothly coiled. Her dress usually consisted of the sarong and kebaya, with from uncommon to recently bobbed hair in Singapore girls' schools, the Shanghai costume is favoured by the Straits Chinese maidens, and eaves and stockings have replaced the old footwear.

SINGAPORE'S CAT BURGLARS.

ONE ATTEMPTS TO STAB POLICEMAN.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 26th.

A Chinese housebreaker was sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment by the District Judge, Mr. Mudie. The accused pleaded guilty to a charge of having broken into a house in Neil road and stolen a suit of clothing. He was seen climbing down a drain-pipe and arrested by a police constable on duty outside the house. When accosted by the constable the accused produced a large knife and attempted to stab the policeman who disarmed him by striking the knife out of his hand with his baton. Accused had a previous conviction for theft.

Another Chinese was charged in the same court with housebreaking into a house at Havelock Road. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence in order that his record might be examined. He climbed into the house through a window and stole a watch and jewellery, removing the keys with which he unlocked the box containing the jewellery from under the pillow on which the occupant of the house was sleeping at the time.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

RE-ACTION ON HONG KONG SHARES.

MONEY BEING INVESTED READILY.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REVIEW.

In their weekly report on the Hong Kong Share Market, dated yesterday, Messrs. Benjamin & Potts state that the past week has had the distinction of being one of the brightest in the Stock Exchange for some time past. This can be accounted for by the fact that the general public views the possibilities of the immediate future with greater confidence, and are investing their money readily, if not eagerly. A large volume of business has been done, and prices generally are higher all round.

Hong Kong & Shanghai Banks were bought to a fair extent up to \$1.20. The London price has advanced to \$1.32 (middle). Unions were dealt in at \$301, and more can be placed at this figure. Cautions were bid up to \$810. Underwriters came to business at \$2.30.

Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboats were marked higher at \$261. Indo-Chinas (Preferred) have strengthened and buyers are now offering \$30. Douglases have advanced to a buying rate of \$41. Waterboats were supported and rose to \$181. Kowloon Wharves have been ruling strong with sales made at \$156/137. Whampoa Docks are firmer with sales reported up to \$48.

China Providents were favoured again, and were done in large quantities up to \$6.50. Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels after having touched \$81, have eased off to \$8.40. Hong Kong Lands fetched \$43, closing with buyers at \$631. Humphreys Estates were placed up to \$151. Realty have changed hands to a considerable extent at \$81, \$8.80.

Hong Kong Trams, following the announcement of a final dividend of 80 cents per share, have moved upwards to \$271, but closed easier with sales reported at \$27. Star Ferries have been sold at the improved rate of \$67. China Lights (Combined) have ruled firm and are now required for at \$17.33. Hong Kong Electric, on the announcement of a new issue in the proportion of one bonus share to every two at present held, advanced from \$70 to \$771, but later on relapsed to \$741, owing to profit taking in places. Hong Kong Telephones were booked up to \$4.60. Peak Trams (New) came to business at \$81.

Green Island Cements (Combined) were put through at \$117/12. Hong Kong Ropes at \$81 for the old and \$81 for the new, mark another rise. Dairy Farms have further appreciated and can be placed at \$201. Watsons have advanced to \$121.

Amusements are stronger and have takers at \$271, but there are no sellers in evidence. Canton Ice has crept up to a buying quotation of \$31. Tug & Lighters were done at \$2.55. Benguet shew an improvement and are in request at P.2.50.

The market in the North is distinctly better, sales of Ewee having been made up to Tls. 8. Hongkong Wharves touched Tls. 163. Shanghai Lands have buyers at the enhanced price of Tls. 133. Shanghai Cottons (O/B) are saleable at Tls. 48. New Engineerings have declared a dividend of Tls. 0.40 while Shanghai Docks have advanced to Tls. 97.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO.

THE DIVIDEND FOR 1927.

ISSUE OF BONUS SHARES.

At the general meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., to be held on March 18th next the Directors will (subject to audit) propose a dividend of \$2.50 per share for 1927 and the issue as a bonus of 150,000 fully paid shares on July 1st, 1928, in the proportion of one share to every two held in the company.

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OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE MACKINTOSH.

Mr. George A. R. Mackintosh, whose death at Bangkok was recently announced, was the heir to the chiefship of Clan Chattan. He was the second son of the late Alexander Mackintosh, and grandson of the late Angus Mackintosh of Daviot. Mr. Mackintosh was in his 44th year, was unmarried, and is survived by a younger brother, Mr. Alexander Mackintosh, who is farming in Rhodesia. The eldest brother was Mr. Angus Mackintosh, who accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton to the Antarctic, and lost his life on the second expedition.

MR. G. C. JACK.

The death is announced, at the age of 70, of Mr. George Cockburn Jack, long a familiar figure in submarine telegraphy. Fifty-one years ago he joined the accounts department of the Eastern Telegraph Company, and 40 years ago he became the accountant to the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Co., a position which he held at the time of his death.

M. FERNAND BERTEAUX.

A high official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, says a message from Paris, has been removed by the death of M. Fernand Berteaux, who was Minister Plenipotentiary and Director of the Quai d'Orsay staff and accounts. His diplomatic career abroad was spent entirely in China. M. Berteaux's death was tragically sudden. It occurred on December 31st, while he was conferring with M. Peycelon, Director of M. Briand's office. For the valuable and devoted service he had rendered to the country M. Briand had conferred on him the Cross of Commander of the Legion of Honour in the New Year promotions.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR.

CORONATION CEREMONIES TO LAST TEN MONTHS.

It is officially announced that the coronation of the Emperor of Japan will take place on November 10th. The Emperor Hirohito succeeded to the throne on Christmas Day 1926, but according to Japanese custom the coronation does not take place till the autumn or winter following the close of the period of Court mourning for the late Emperor, which lasts a year.

The coronation will take place at Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, and will be preceded by a series of elaborate religious rites beginning on January 17th, when the Emperor and Empress will notify the spirits of their Imperial ancestors of their accession to the royal state.

The ceremonies include the transportation to Kyoto of the sacred treasures brought to earth from heaven by the gods who founded the Japanese throne. Japan's rulers are not crowned, but the elaborate ceremonies marking the accession are, for convenience, called the coronation.

**WOUNDED SOLDIERS
IN CANTON.****INADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION.****TOURING STATESMEN
EXPECTED BACK.****DISTRICT TROOPS FOR
PRESERVING ORDER.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Large numbers of wounded Kwangsi troops have been returning from the East River districts the last few days, and the reported victory over the Kwangtung forces of Chang Fat Fui must have been achieved at considerable cost in casualties. No statement of the number killed has been made. The hospitals in Canton are inadequate both as regards equipment and accommodation, and many wounded men are suffering from cold as well as inattention from the overworked surgeons.

Practically all hope of a big foreign loan for the rehabilitation of the Central Bank of China has been abandoned. If the people of Canton wish to see the paper money which they now hold return to something approaching par, they will have to support the present Administration. As long as the existing regime remains, there is no likelihood of its repudiating the \$30,000,000 worth of notes now in circulation. From February 1st the salaries for civil officials and higher military officers will be paid 80 per cent. in silver, and 20 per cent. in notes, while all men in the army will be paid entirely in coin.

The \$350,000 which the Nanking and Canton Governments appropriated to send a group of Nationalist leaders abroad to pursue political studies may not carry them very far, and there is a report current in Canton that some of the politicians who left Hong Kong by the s.s. *President Wilson* a week ago for Manila and Singapore may return to Canton within the next few days.

BUILDING UP THE GOVERNMENT.

General Li Tsai Hsin has accepted the office of honorary president of the Shanghai Cantonese Society for the Relief of War Refugees and Sufferers in Kwangtung.

Mr. Ng Koon Kie is relieving Mr. Chu Chao Hsin as Chief of the Department of Public Relief in Kwangtung Province. This would be a big job, if the whole question of relief and reconstruction following the recent upheaval and civil war were taken in hand. Many towns in the East River districts have been laid waste by the "Reds" during the last few months and during the recent struggle between the rival forces of Li Tsai Hsin and Chang Fat Fui.

A former Canton newspaper editor is now at the head of the Bureau of Civil Affairs. He is Mr. Lau Tsai Po, for some three years Magistrate of Toishan, one of the Four Districts in Szechuan, the home of many Chinese emigrants to America.

Mr. Tang Chak Yu, a well-known overseas Chinese and a Nationalist leader with a high reputation for fair play and honesty in administration, is being urged to return from Shanghai to assume the office of Director of the Development of Whampoa Port.

Mr. Sun Fo has been mentioned as Commissioner of Reconstruction in Canton. Until his return from abroad, Mr. Wu Te Chen, his close friend, will act for him, if he is appointed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS,
ETC.**

For local defence against bandit and pirate attacks, the Provincial Authorities have recently sanctioned the organisation, by villages and towns in and of district or sectional areas. In Southern Kwangtung some 18 districts have already started such organisations.

During the present month Canton will be visited by numbers of tourists from round-the-world liners calling at Hong Kong. Local officials are making every effort to arrange adequate protection for these very welcome visitors.

It will take 60 days and cost some \$16,500 to restore the telegraph communication between Canton and Wuchow, according to estimates just submitted to the Bureau of Communications in Canton.

The telephone service between Fatsan and Canton proper has just been restored. As yet the service is limited and many subscribers in Canton are still unable to get their phones put into order following the "Red" destruction of property.

One of the judicial reforms of the post-"Red" regime in Canton will be the granting to accused in the regular courts of the right to receive legal advice and to engage counsel, while the public will be represented by properly trained lawyers as government attorneys or public prosecutors. There are still many special courts in Canton, in which accused cannot be represented by counsel and the proceedings are not open to the public.

**CANTON WOMAN DOCTOR'S
LETTERS.****OPENED BY HALF BROTHER.****FAMILY QUARREL BROUGHT
TO COURT.**

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Leung Wai Kwan, daughter of Mr. Leung Yuk Ting, charged her twelve-year-old step-brother, Leung To Sang, with stealing two letters, and the unlawful retention and opening of one of the letters.

The complainant was represented by Mr. Ho Shing Lo, and Mr. A. E. Hall defended.

Mr. Lo explained that the parties were children of the same father, the complainant being the daughter of one wife, and the defendant, the son of another. The complainant was a lady doctor of Canton, and while living temporarily at Kung Wo Terrace, had given her relatives the address of the Tin Sang firm, of which her father was a partner, as her address in Hong Kong. During the Chinese New Year, several letters arrived for the complainant at this address. Two of these letters disappeared, but one was later recovered.

After hearing evidence, the Magistrate found that he could not convict on the charge of stealing and unlawfully retaining.

On the charge of unlawfully opening, Mr. Hall said that the boy admitted that he opened it because he wanted the red envelope. It was a very trivial matter which could have been settled privately. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

**JUNK ROBBERY AT FU
TAU MUN.****DISPOSAL OF THE STOLEN
PIGS.****FURTHER EVIDENCE.**

The case in which four Chinese were charged with armed robbery on a junk at Fu Tau Mun was again before the Senior Central Magistrate yesterday and after hearing evidence was adjourned until next Thursday morning.

A fisherman from Po Tai O, whose son is the fourth defendant, related in Court yesterday how the second and third defendants forced him to sail his boat, in which were 24 of the stolen pigs, to Shaukiwan. After the livestock had been removed, witnesses' son was given \$40 by the two defendants, who asked them to sail the junk back to Po Tai O. It was on the way that the boat was stopped by a Chinese detective and the witness and his son were taken to Shaukiwan Police Station.

A Pig Dealer's Bargain.

A pig dealer of No. 8, Main Street, Shaukiwan, stated that the second and third defendants told him that the pigs belonged to them and he struck a bargain with them at \$25 a pig. He took delivery of the cargo from the wharf near the Tin Hau Temple and witness paid the two men \$100 in advance on the deal. The men saying they would call for the balance two days later. In the meantime he found out the actual position from a constable who visited his shop. Witness met the second defendant in the street and had him arrested, and on information given by this man his accomplice was found in a barber's shop having his hair cut.

An application was made to have the pigs sold and the proceeds handed to the police for safe-keeping. It was stated that two of the animals had died.

The last witness was told by the Magistrate that he could sell the pigs, but he must try to get the best price possible.

The hearing was then adjourned as stated.

**SNATCHER GETS STERN
SENTENCE.****ARRESTED BY TWO
VILLAGERS.****CAPTORS COMMENDED.**

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, two villagers from Kowloon City were commended by the Magistrate (Mr. W. Schofield) for the public spirit shown by them in arresting a man who appeared before his Worship on a charge of snatching a gold bracelet from a small girl at Tung Tau village on January 31st.

The defendant having pleaded guilty to the charge, Sergeant Macdonald stated that the man was seized by the two villagers, but he escaped by slipping out of his jacket. He was recaptured after a short chase, and handed over to an Indian sergeant. On the way to the Police Station he attempted to escape again but failed.

The defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

EARL HAIG.**MEMORIAL SERVICE AT
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.****STATELY AND IMPRESSIVE
SERVICE.**

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock members of the Services and of the civilian population met together at the Cathedral to join in a simple but impressive service in memory of Field Marshal Earl Haig of Bomer-syue.

The service opened with the Processional Hymn "Let Saints on earth in concert sing" during which the choir and the robed clergy, preceded by the Processional Cross, moved from the West Door to their places in the chancel.

The clergy in the procession were the Rev. C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, the Very Rev. the Dean (the Rev. Alfred Swann, D.S.C.), the Rev. N. V. Halward (Chaplain to the Bishop), the Rev. W. R. Cannell, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, the Rev. C. B. Shann, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, the Rev. G. F. Stopford, the Rev. H. V. Kopp (Assistant Chaplain) and the Rev. L. Webb, C.F.

After the opening prayers and the singing of the psalm "The Lord is my shepherd," the Rev. L. Webb, C.F., read the Lesson from Rev. XXI. 1-7.

Following the "Nunc Dimittite" and prayers, read by the Very Rev. the Dean, a hymn was sung, during which the Bishop moved to the pulpit, to give a short and stirring address.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop took his text from *Philippians. II. 13*:—"Our citizenship is in heaven," and his address was as follows:—"A muscle of his heart grew tired, we are told, and one who has been for years a household name to us all is no longer with us. We are met to-day to pay our tribute to the memory of a very gallant gentleman—our individual tribute of respect and affection, the grateful tribute of this Colony, the proud tribute of the Service to which many of you belong and to which many more of us had the honour for a time to belong."

A Great Leader Of Men.

Earl Haig was a great leader of men, chosen out to be a foremost leader in an hour of appalling crisis in human history. He never flinched. With utter devotion and disregard of self he gave himself up to his task. The style is the man, and in the famous message flashed out in the dark hour of 1918 we see laid bare the spirit of the man himself.

There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend on the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

And as Earl Haig was a great leader of men so, also, he was a great friend of the men he led; and he stuck to them to the end. When the strife was over he gave himself up to their service—to the cause of the blinded, the maimed, the unemployed, the widows, to the building up of Jerusalem "in England and green and pleasant land." And he died in the doing of it. There is a sense in which he failed in this great after-war task. And the life of every great man is from one point of view a failure; they see so much and there is so little they seem able to do. It is only little men who are the really successful men and that is because they attempt so little.

The Bequest Of An Unfinished Task.

He bequeathed his unfinished task to us and ten years after that famous "back to the wall" message he who is this week laid to rest still speaks:—

"Every position must be held to the last man, there must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall each one of us must fight 'on to the end.'"

In this world in which we live nothing that is second best will ever do; we must live true to the highest ideals we have seen; we must ever press on towards their attainment.

"On! to the bound of the waste;
On! to the city of God."

As we pay proud homage to the memory of Earl Haig to-day, as we would find places our wreath on the Leader's open tomb; so once again our thoughts are irresistibly drawn to his comrades in service, to the graves of warriors unknown and known, to all those

"Valiant hearts who to their glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame."

"Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had you gave,
To save mankind yourselves you scorned to save."

The Debt That Stands Against Us.

If you have ever been to the Chapel of the Staff College at Camberley and seen on the walls there the names of so many who gave themselves in their country's service, or if you have stood beside the Kitcheners Memorial in the Chapel of All Souls in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, you will have had forced back upon you the thought how great is the debt that still stands against us who are alive to-day, and how urgent is the call to press onwards towards the accomplishment of our great unfinished task.

And as we think of all those saviours who came not home to-night because themselves they could not save, we think also of a Cross that stood long years ago upon a lonely hill where

"In the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed
The self same way."

We think of our Great Captain,

"Jesus whose lot with us was
cast.
Who saw it out from first to last."

Whom, though we had often forgotten, or very nearly, we could never quite forget out there in Flanders and who we know never forgot us and whose task in the world still remains unfinished, waiting for volunteers who will dedicate themselves to its accomplishment amongst men. As we think of him and of the Leader whom we commemorate to-day, we cry:—

"O risen Lord! O Shepherd of our Dead!
Whose Cross has bought them
and whose Staff has led
In glorious hope their proud
and sorrowing Land
Commits her Children to Thy gracious Hand. Amen."

LAST POST AND REVEILLE.

At the close of the sermon the hymn "For all the Saints" was sung, after which Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., at the organ played the Dead March in Saul.

As soon as the last notes had died away the silence was broken by the Last Post, followed by the Reveille, played by six buglers of the Scots Guards, after which organ, band and congregation joined in the first verse of the National Anthem.

The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction.

THOSE PRESENT.

Among the large congregation present at this simple and touching memorial service were:—Mr. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), H.E. Major-General C. O. Luard and Mrs. Luard, and Major-General Sir John Duncan, who is passing through from Shanghai. Owing to the absence from the Colony of Commodore Pearson and the Vice-Commodore, the senior Naval officers present were Captain Hallifax, H.M.S. *Carlisle*, and Captain Palmer, H.M.S. *Argus*.

Others present were Sir Joseph Kemp, Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. McAlister, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Koeval, and the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman, Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Lieut.-Col. Clarke (commanding the Queen's), Lieut.-Col. Robinson (commanding the R.A.), Major Allan, D.A.A. Q.M.G., and Sir Victor Mackenzie (commanding the Royal Scots), Group Captain Robertson, R.A.F. Kai Tak.

Members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association assembled on Battery Path shortly before the commencement of the service and under the command of Lieut.-Col. Haver Bell marched to the Cathedral where they took their seats.

As members of the Old Chitona Society and of Earl Haig's old school there were present Mr. K. A. Perry, Mr. R. J. Birbeck, and Mr. R. H. Hollis. General Luard and the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman, the remaining Old Chitona in the Colony, were also in the congregation.

There were also present a contingent from the Girl Guides under the direction of Lady Stuart Taylor and Mrs. Remington.

Military detachments attended from the R.A., R.E., R.A.S., R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C., Royal Corps of Signals, in addition to the Queen's and Scots Guards. These detachments marched to the Cathedral headed by the band of the Scots Guards. All Naval units were represented.

**WREATHS LAID ON
CENOTAPH.**

Members of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Service Men's Association assembled at the Cenotaph when Mr. Geo. K. Hall, President of the local branch of the Legion, and Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., President of the Ex-Service Club, laid the wreaths on behalf of these organisations. (Continued at foot of next column.)

**L. E. HAYNES AND TWO
OTHERS SUED.****DAMAGES FOR ALLEGED
FALSE IMPRISONMENT.****DATE OF HEARING FIXED.**

At the Summary Court yesterday morning, before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Messrs. L. E. Haynes, C. M. Houghton and Sum Kam Suen, alias Suen Shu Fung, appeared as defendants, when a case was called at the usual Friday morning sitting for the fixing of dates for hearing cases.

Defendants are being sued by Pang Chan, who is claiming the sum of \$1,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment. Defendants address is given as 6, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. A. C. Arcull was for plaintiff and defendants were not legally represented.

On the case being called, Haynes said that he had an application to make.

His Lordship: You want to dispute the claim, don't you, Mr. Haynes?

Haynes: Unquestionably, my Lord. My application is under Section 13 of the Ordinance for the production of pleadings.

Mr. Arcull replied that it was not the usual practice in that Court for pleadings to be asked for. He would also like to know whether Haynes was representing only himself or the other two defendants as well.

The other two defendants said they wished to dispute the claim.

Haynes said he was also speaking for the other two defendants.

His Lordship said that he could not do that. A defendant could only be heard on his own case.

Haynes repeated his application for pleadings, and his Lordship replied that he did not see why this should not be granted.

An order was made for a statement of claim in one week.

His Lordship: Mr. Haynes, you will file a statement of defence.

How long will you want to prepare it?

Haynes: I should like ten or fourteen days, my Lord.

His Lordship granted ten days for the delivery of the claim and fixed March 2nd for the hearing of the case.

**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS'
LATEST.****SHOWING AT QUEEN'S NEXT
WEEK.**

Douglas Fairbanks' latest production, "The Gaucho," will be shown at the Queen's Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday of next week, as stated in a special advertisement in this issue. "The Gaucho" is a tale of treasure, combat, intrigue and love concerning the adventures of a South American bandit who crosses the Cordilleras with his riders to seize a city grown rich from the offerings of pilgrims to its sacred shrine.

The contrasting moods of the film are visualized in the wild life of the borderland and the calm of the sanctuary. Lupe Velez, one of the leading ladies is described as "a wild madcap," while Eva Southern, the other leading lady, plays a saintly character. Spectacular horsemanship by nearly 200 riders is a feature of the film, as also is tossing of the boleros, a feat at which Mr. Fairbanks has become adept.

"The Gaucho" presents "Doug" in a role which gives him plenty of opportunity to perform the kind of stunts for which he is famous and it is sure to give unmeasured delight to his many admirers. Attention is drawn to the special times for performances announced in the advertisement appearing elsewhere.

There was a large attendance, those present including Mr. E. S. Carter, Mr. H. A. Rodgers, Mr. R. S. Logan, Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. S. Greenhill and Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson.

After the wreaths had been placed on the Cenotaph, those present stood in silence for a few moments. The wreath from the British Legion was of red poppies, and that from the Ex-Service Club was a white cross entwined with a circular wreath of Flanders' poppies.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Undersecretary of the ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB has from 1st JANUARY, 1928, in addition to his duties as Secretary, and that he is authorized to sign all Receipts on behalf of the Club.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that as from 1st MARCH, 1928, Mr. B. O. BLAKEE will act as Secretary and Treasurer of the Club during the absence on leave of the Undersecretary. By Order of the Committee, E. D. MATTHEWS, Lieut. Col., Secretary. Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1928. [5853]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12 O'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th, to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive. By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary. Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5851]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1928, to TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary. Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5854]

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & CO., LTD., Limited, on TUESDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th JANUARY to 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, both dates inclusive. DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers. [5853]

NAVY LEAGUE (HONG KONG BRANCH).

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NAVY LEAGUE will be held on WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, at 6.30 P.M., in the Boardroom of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission). All Members are cordially invited to Attend. L. M. WHITE, Hon. Secretary. [5744]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, to FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [5858]

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th FEBRUARY.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTRAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTRAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1928, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$1 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price \$3 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day.

Admission by Ticket only. Bookmakers, etc., etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINSTRAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their Names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. [5826]

CONVITE.

A Comissão Directora e Membros do Clube de Recreio tem a honra de convidar a Comunidade Portuguesa desta colónia para assistir a inauguração do novo edifício em King's Park, Kowloon, no SABADO 4 de CORRENT, às 15h Horas Ao acto de inauguração presidirá S. Exa. o Sr. Governador de Hong Kong, Sir Cecil CLEMMET, K.C.M.G. FRED A. XAVIER, Secretário. Kowloon, 3 de Fevereiro de 1928. [5947]

NOTICE.

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CAMERON.—At St. Andrew's Nursing Home, Glasgow, on January 5th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. CAMERON, a son. Both well. [5808]

DEATH.

LOYD.—On January 1st, at Sandy Hard, Middleton, near Bognor, JESSIE CATHERINE, widow of CHARLES VINCENT LOYD, late of Hong Kong, aged 77. [5808]

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HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 4th, 1928.

RUSSIA'S AMBITION.

THE outstanding feature of the Russian nation is its power of expansion. For about four hundred years the small state of Muscovy conquered and absorbed its neighbours, until at the beginning of the present century it had become by far the greatest state in one geographical unit, undivided by the sea, that the World had ever known.

There has been nothing like it since the Romans pursued their policy of extending their territories perpetually in every direction until the whole world should be theirs.

But Rome's power of growth reached its climax and her strength waned. Russia would seem to be still at the height of her vigour. Her empire reached its maximum extent before the outbreak of the war with Japan when she pressed upon Germany and Scandinavia to the West, the Balkans, Turkey and India to the South, Manchuria and Mongolia to the East.

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A series of set backs has followed. Japan repulsed her dispiritedly taking her furthest outpost, Port Arthur, and half of the island of Saghalien. The Great War saw even more serious losses, vast tracts of valuable territory being surrendered to form the Border states of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. But any idea that Russia has either lost her peculiar quality or has definitely turned her back, under a Republican and Socialistic regime, upon her former designs on her neighbours' landmarks, is entirely contrary to the facts.

Poland is often blamed for her militaristic policy and her diplomatic intrigue. Her rulers know perfectly well that Russia has no intention of reconciling herself to the continued existence of the new nations. Common sense would dictate a close alliance between the weak Border States against their strong and dangerous neighbour. Actually a "state of war" had been in existence for months between Poland and Lithuania until ended not long ago by the pressure of the League of Nations. Russia is busily engaged in a game of playing off one Border State against the other, granting concessions to one and then bullying another.

Since the days of Peter the Great Russia has sought to conquer Turkish territory with Constantinople as her ultimate aim. It was Russian intrigue that made the Balkans the powder magazine of Europe. Just as Peter desired a "Window to the West" so his successors have dreamed of a "window to the Mediterranean" and the possession of Constantinople one of the world's key positions commercially and strategically. Of our own rivalry with Russia on the Indian frontier and in Afghanistan there is no need to speak. The Afghans at least know that Britain has no desire to conquer them, while to accept an alliance with Russia is to submit eventually to the fate of Turkestan. Further East in China's border province of Sinkiang, in Mongolia and Manchuria the same struggle is going on.

It is not for a moment suggested that Russia has a monopoly of the aggressive spirit. But in the twentieth century the territorial acquisition of alien and hostile peoples quite able to govern themselves is not regarded as a proper objective by civilised nations. The conflict that arises over boundaries concerns border peoples of mixed nationalities claimed by powers on either side. Russia on the other hand wishes to push on illimitably. It would be interesting to hear the views expressed at any informal gathering of Russian patriots. Their imagination, surely, does not stop short eastward at Mongolia and Manchuria. No doubt they think they could govern India better than England, that Poland and the Border states are anomalies. If Russia has accomplished so much why should there be limits to her achievement?

Communism and World Revolution, as preached by the Soviet leaders, are different expressions of the same aggressive spirit. The Russian Government has allied itself with the Third International, that great gang of cosmopolitan Nihilists and Revolutionaries who work for the overthrow of civilisation. The whole Communist movement is exploited by Russia to weaken her rivals and the proposed victims of her aggression. The greatness of Russia is indisputable. In art, science and war she has held a commanding position for over a century. But Russia is not invincible when met with European resolution and efficiency. Her own territories are heritage enough for any nation, but unfortunately for the peace of the world she shows no signs of dwelling at peace with those peoples on her borders who prefer to keep their own individuality and independence.

One Chinese case of puerperal fever was reported on Thursday.

There will be sitting of the Bankruptcy Court this morning, at 10.30.

Entries close to-day at noon in connection with the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament.

An elderly woman was fined \$50, on one month's imprisonment, by the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday for the possession of 100 detonators on board a fishing junk.

The Diocesan Boys' School, is returning to its former premises, which have recently been used as a Military General Hospital. The school is to re-open on Monday.

The ordinary yearly general meeting of the Hong Tramways, Ltd., will be held at the office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on Monday, February 27th, at noon.

The formal opening of the new club house at King's Park, of the Club de Recreio takes place this afternoon, at 3.30, and the ceremony will be performed by H.E. the Governor.

Mr. W. Adams Orm, formerly of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, is going for a cruise to the West Indies and Panama. He expects to return to London towards the end of March.

Among passengers for Hong Kong aboard the *Malwa* which arrived yesterday from the North were the Duchess de Leuchberg and Dr. F. Nield. Major-General Sir John and Lady Duncan were among those passing through.

The King has given Sir Charles Stewart Addis and Sir Newton John Stabb authority to wear the insignia of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, second class, the decoration conferred upon them by the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services.

Bishop Lander, who was formerly in Hong Kong, and is now assistant to the Bishop of St. Albans, had the misfortune to fall on an icy road and break an arm. Notwithstanding he preached in Holy Trinity Church, New Barnet, with his arm in splints.

It is stated that a traveller has arrived in England with a new dance, the Lama Blues, which he learned while in a Tibetan monastery. It appears that from time immemorial the priests of Tibet have been dancing a kind of Charleston without being aware of the fact.

The King has awarded the King's Police Medal to Kenneth Walter Andrew, Sub-Inspector, Hong Kong Police Force. This distinction, which is very much prized in the Police Force, was awarded to Sub-Inspector Andrew for his services in connection with an armed robbery in the Chin Wan district.

When the case was mentioned at the Central Magistracy yesterday against Ho Tin, a seaman, who is charged with attempting to obtain money from two women, whose relatives had been detained by the Chinese authorities in Shanghai as suspected communists, Mr. C. A. S. Russ said he had just been instructed to appear for the defence. An adjournment was made until next Tuesday afternoon.

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HELP FOR WAR TROUBLED EUROPE.

SPORT VERSUS POLITICAL GRUMBLING.

LOCAL VISITOR'S INTERESTING ACCOUNT.

Mr. O. H. McCowen, who is going round the world as representative of the English National Council and the World's Committee of Y.M.C.A.'s and who is in Hong Kong for the next few days, has many interesting things to tell of Y.M.C.A. work since the War.

Mr. McCowen's own headquarters are at Geneva, which acts as a sort of clearing house for ideas between the different national headquarters of Y.M.C.A.s. These national organizations are entirely autonomous, but the scope of Y.M.C.A. is now world-wide, and co-operation between the different National Councils is essential to the efficient working of the complete entity. It is through the means of the World's Committee at Geneva that this practical co-operation is assured, and it is also through this means that every new idea, every improvement, is spread as quickly as possible even to the furthest branches.

Post War Work.

At the conclusion of the war, and with the reorganization of Europe, the Y.M.C.A. found itself faced with an immense task. As Mr. McCowen said, it is not often realized that thirteen new states were formed in Europe after the war. These states were faced with enormous difficulties at the beginning. Scarcity of administration, communication, and currency had to be organized, quite apart from the establishment of a sense of patriotism and social well-being in the heterogeneous collection of inhabitants which composed these states. In all these states the Y.M.C.A. was asked to establish headquarters, and to aid the youth of this country.

Five Races.

In Czechoslovakia for instance, said Mr. McCowen, there are five races: Czechs, Slovaks, Germans, Hungarians and Jews. When the Y.M.C.A. first established its headquarters at Prague, the youth spent most of their spare time sitting in the cafes airing their real and supposed grievances. Through the Y.M.C.A. the different races were induced to mix together, to play games and take a healthy interest in sport, and talk about games has taken the place of political grumbling. So pleased in fact was the government with the result of the Y.M.C.A.'s efforts in Prague that it has provided something over three quarters of the sum required for the erection of seven other Y.M.C.A. buildings in different towns throughout the state.

The Sporting Instinct.

The activities of the Y.M.C.A. have been much the same in the other countries of Europe. Here the young men of the city can meet and be thrown together, being given healthy interest and the rivalries of sport instead of morbidly pondering political grievances and racial barriers. The athletic interests raised by these institutions are strikingly illustrated by the fact that last year Y.M.C.A. Olympic Games were held at Copenhagen when five hundred youths from all over Europe competed. Many of these made long journeys in the awful discomfort of fourth class carriages, and, of course, paid their own fares, in order to take their part. At Nuremberg also was held a meeting, at which 1,600 Germans competed.

The Emigration Question.

The Y.M.C.A. has also tackled the very complex question of emigration, and has done much to lighten the almost inevitable hardships of the emigrant through its international organization. The language difficulties of emigrants passing through foreign countries are overcome by Y.M.C.A. interpreters: stranded cases are put in touch with their homes or their destinations, while those who cannot find work are helped in their search and are provided with food and shelter. Throughout all his journey the emigrant is given letters of introduction from one secretary to another, so that he never feels utterly alone in the world. In this side of its work the Y.M.C.A. has dealt with over 75,000 emigrants.

Ever Growing.

The Y.M.C.A. organization is world wide, but of necessary some parts of the world are more lavishly provided with headquarters than others. But the headquarters are always being bombarded with letters asking that further branches should be formed, or that secretaries should be sent out to branches which (Continued on next Column.)

SIR JOHN DUNCAN.

GUEST OF GENERAL LUARD.

Major-General Sir John Duncan, who is on his way home from Shanghai, after relinquishing his post as General Officer Commanding the British Shanghai Defence Force, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning on the P. & O. s.s. *Malwa*.

With the General is Lady Duncan and Miss Duncan.

General Duncan attended the memorial service to Earl Haig yesterday morning, being dressed in full. Later he was host at a tiffin to a number of friends.

Last night he was the guest of H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding South China Command) at an unofficial dinner, and yesterday afternoon Sir John Duncan went for a drive round Hong Kong.

He re-embarked on the *Malwa* this morning, the steamer sailing at noon.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory, stated:—

The anti-cyclone over East China weakened further. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

At the suggestion of the Imperial War Graves Commission, a stone tablet, in memory of eight Indian soldiers who died in Hong Kong during the Great War, has been erected near the Crematorium at Homunsin, Kowloon. There is an inscription on the tablet, which also bears the names of the soldiers.

Shanghai papers report the death of Mr. Norman Smith, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai. Aged about 48 he was a native of Yorkshire, and came to Shanghai from England in 1907, joining the firm of Messrs. William Little & Co., with whom he has been associated since. He was a keen Volunteer in his early days and a Free Mason.

Police Sergeant McMahon, who, it will be recalled, was seriously wounded on the night of December 7th, when a picket under his charge was shot at by Chinese gunmen, has returned to the Government Civil Hospital for further treatment. He has been doing duty for about ten days as assistant Court Sergeant at the Central Magistracy. A minor complication has set in but the Sergeant's condition is not serious.

Before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge) at the Summary Court yesterday, an Indian money-lender named Nadham Singh sued another Indian, also a money-lender named Gopal Singh, for \$120. This covered two loans of \$60 each one of which was lent against a promissory note dated January 15th, 1928 and the other sum was lent out without any promissory note. The \$ was in interest. The defendant did not appear in Court and his Lordship gave judgment in favour of the plaintiff for \$100 with costs.

The new organ at St. Margaret Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, which was built by Mr. Blackett, was "opened" on Thursday evening after Benediction. His Lordship Bishop Valorta blessed the new organ and a new clock above the entrance of the Church. The Congregation included the Italian Consul Comdr. Carrara, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. J. P. Sherry and Mr. W. Gardner, Sr. Rev. Father Rignani gave an organ recital which was greatly enjoyed. At the conclusion the British Italian, French and Portuguese National Anthems were played.

already exist but which are growing too big for the time and capabilities of the original founders. The Home Organization is only too willing to respond to these appeals as rapidly as possible, and in consequence the scope of the Y.M.C.A. is for ever growing. In West Africa, for instance, there is now only one branch, but big developments are going to be carried on there in the near future.

Intimate Knowledge.

Mr. McCowen is, of course, in close touch with all these activities and has an intimate knowledge of them. He is a member of the Emigration Committee of the League of Nations, and has travelled all over Europe and the world in his Y.M.C.A. work. The object of his present world tour is to establish a closer international co-operation between the various National Councils of the world.

MARSHAL CHIANG KAI SHEK ADDRESSES
THE KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

"A STately CEREMONY" AT NANKING.

CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS SUPPOSED CAUSE OF
DESERTIONS.GERMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES
CAPTURED BY "RED SPEARS."FENGPIAO CURRENCY AND
DESERTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, February 3rd.
The fall of the fengpiao is alleged to be responsible for the desertions of the Heilungkiang forces in Manchuria, which are paid in this currency. One body of 100 cavalry deserted with the intention of joining a gang of bandits despite the efforts of 600 loyal troops to round them up.

THE KUOMINTANG CON-
FERENCE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3rd.

A stately ceremony in connection with the inauguration of the 4th Kuomintang Conference was solemnized at the Central Kuomintang headquarters, Nanking, yesterday morning. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek delivered a long speech emphasizing that the life of the Kuomintang party would be renewed by the success of the Conference. He hoped that as a result of the conference, Kuomintang comrades would cordially support the convoking of the 3rd National Convention, as laid down by Sun Yat Sen. Dealing with further national affairs as well as those of the Party, loyal Kuomintang members would have two tasks to keep in mind, namely, (1) united action so as to sweep away Communistic activities within the Kuomintang and for all-around (2) that all future political, military and diplomatic policies should be shaped within the scope of the "Three Peoples" doctrine and the theories embodied in the "Construction of China," written by Sun Yat Sen. The conference would cause foreign Powers as well as the Chinese masses to think that the Kuomintang was still an integral entity leading the whole nation on a revolutionary road.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

What Chinese Observers Think.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3rd.

According to competent Chinese observers, the conference called under Marshal Chiang's auspices might become the death knell to the "Kwangsi" clique now dominating Hupeh, Hunan, Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and of Marshal Chiang's faction and his supporters who are dictating the Nanking Government's policy. Marshal Chiang has arranged a set of resolutions with the object of raising an expedition against the Kwangsi clique. Acting under orders from the Nationalist Government he will lead his expedition southward rather than northward.

According to a Japanese report, two Chinese Communist leaders, Chen Tu Shu and Li Loh Sen, have gone secretly to Tientsin for the purpose of stirring a mob- uprising there.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

The Quorum.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2nd.

A preparatory meeting for the 4th Plenary Conference of the Kuomintang was held yesterday at Nanking. It was decided that 25 members of the Kuomintang Central Committee present were sufficient to form a quorum.

PROBABLE OBJECT OF THE
SESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, February 3rd.
The Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang was opened at Nanking yesterday.

It was stated that 27 members were present.

The object of the session is believed to be to endeavour to force Wuhan to combine with Nanking against the North, but no Wuhan or Canton military members were present, and it is considered probable that they will ignore any of the decisions.

Nationalist Foreign Ministry.

It is rumored that Mr. Quo Tui Chi has resigned the post of acting Foreign Minister but still remains Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai. It is expected that Mr. Hwang Fu will be appointed Foreign Minister.

APPALLING FIRE
NEAR BOSTON.FALL RIVER BUSINESS
QUARTER DEVAS-
TATED.ESTIMATED DAMAGE
G.\$25,000,000.

VALUABLE PREMISES LOST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BOSTON, Feb. 3rd.

The business quarter on the Fall River has been devastated by a fire which started at Pocasset Mills, and which, fanned by a gale, spread very rapidly.

Eighteen blocks, covering half a square mile, have been practically razed, and the damage is estimated at least at G.\$25,000,000. Forty buildings were destroyed including two hotels, three theatres, two newspaper plants, four banks, the Court House, and several large department stores.

Eleven firemen were taken to hospital and 260 others met with minor injuries.

The cold handicapped the fire-fighters, 500 of whom were called in including detachments from eight neighbouring cities.

G.\$3,000,000 DAMAGE DONE IN
RAILWAY PLANT BLAZE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pennsylvania.

February 3rd.

Damage of over G.\$3,000,000 has been caused by a fire which destroyed the Baltimore-Ohio Co.'s locomotive shops.

U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE
BANK.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 3rd.

The Federal Reserve Bank has increased its rediscount rate to four per cent.

SPAIN'S PETROLEUM
MONOPOLY."SAFEGUARDING THE TREA-
SURY AND CONSUMERS."

"FABULOUS PROFITS."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, February 2nd.

As regards the petroleum monopoly, which has been in force since January 1st, the Government has issued a statement to the effect that, in order to safeguard the interests of the Spanish Treasury and consumers, the Government has nationalised and monopolised the trade, which has been bringing in, for foreigners engaged in it in Spain, fabulous profits without risk or labour.

Petrol supplies have previously been run by the Shell, Standard Oil and a Russian Oil Company. Now, a new National Oil Company has been formed, in which none of these three is represented, but a sum has been earmarked to compensate the dispossessed.

LATER.

The petroleum monopoly is another instance of the Government's determination not only to develop the trade of Spain, but to ensure its development and management by Spaniards.

Since the advent of the Dictatorship, all the railways have been brought virtually under State control. The Cabinet has approved of a 210,000,000 electrification scheme, whilst the telephones have also become the monopoly of a National Company.

National air lines have been similarly dealt with. The provision of staff, material and capital must be entirely Spanish.

All the coal mines are compulsorily grouped and controlled by a Federation decree providing penalties for firms purchasing excessive quantities of foreign coal.

CIVIL SERVANTS INQUIRY
BOARD.

FIRST MEETING HELD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 2nd.

The Civil Servants Inquiry Board has held its first meeting and discussed the question of procedure. A considerable number of witnesses will be examined, but will not be required to give evidence on oath as the tribunal is not a judicial body. The proceedings will be private.

THE STATUTORY
COMMISSION.

ARRIVES IN BOMBAY.

THE HARTEL AT WORK.

RIOTING BEGUN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, February 2nd.

The utility of boycotting the Statutory Commission headed by Sir John Simon, which is to arrive at Bombay tomorrow was emphasised in an eloquent speech by Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, addressing the two Houses of the Legislature today.

In opening what was bound to prove one of the most momentous sessions in the history of the Legislature, with the public gallery crowded, H.E. the Viceroy, declared the accusations that the Commission amounted to a deliberate insult were merely the product of heated imaginations.

The boycott policy at best, he said, would only lead to disappointment. At the worst, the consequences might be serious, consequences with which India, unhappily, was not without experience in the past.

He pleaded that India would not mistake the correct road when she stood at one of the cross-roads of her destiny.

The speech was greeted with loud applause. Forty-seven Swarajist members were present.

Commission Arrives At Bombay.

BOMBAY, February 3rd.

Sir John Simon and the other members of the Commission have arrived here en route to Delhi.

Many shops, colleges and business associations are participating in the Hartal. A procession of 350 Nationalists, clad in white and carrying black flags and banners inscribed with watchwords like "Unwanted and Unwelcome," proceeded to the pier and afterwards marched through the streets.

LATER.

The Nationalist procession, headed by Mr. Shaikhul, marched up to the entrance of the pier early in the morning, but found the way barred by police who forced it back. It then waited outside the dock until the Commissioners came out after breakfast four hours later.

The processionists, numbering 350 were clad in white and carried black flags and banners inscribed "Simon go back," "No Representation, No Commission," "Unwanted, Unwelcome." They marched through the streets, but some were in motors, carrying the "National flag."

While traversing the city the procession halted outside shops which were continuing to trade and called out "Shut your shop, it is hartal." Sir John Simon, in a statement, said they were deeply impressed with the responsibility of their task, and the Commission would shortly issue a statement regarding the proposed procedure which should entirely dissipate suspicions.

The commission later, left for Delhi.

Rioting At Calcutta and Madras. CALCUTTA, February 3rd.

Hartal demonstrators in south Calcutta threw brick bats at tram-cars and buses, smashing their windows. Four armoured cars were patrolling the streets.

Police Stopped. MADRAS, February 3rd.

Most of the businesses are closed and buses are rickshaws are idle in accordance with the proclamation of the Hartal on the arrival of the Simon Commission in India.

After being stoned, the police fired at the rioters, killing one and wounding five.

CANADIAN STEEL.

LARGE CORPORATION
REORGANISED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MONTREAL, February 2nd.

The Directors of the British Empire Steel Corporation, the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., and their subsidiaries, have announced that the first-named corporation, the president of which has resigned, is being reorganised under new financial and industrial interests.

These latter interests are Montreal and Toronto corporations, represented by Messrs. Holt Grady and Company, with New York financial associations.

THE EIGHT-HOUR
CONVENTION.BRITAIN'S POLICY CAUSES
DISAPPOINTMENT.

QUESTION OF REVISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, February 2nd.

A new British policy towards the Washington Eight-Hour Convention, was outlined by Mr. H. B. Betterton, the British Government delegate to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office.

Mr. Betterton declared that most serious difficulties had arisen which would hinder the carrying out of the Convention, which had been concluded hurriedly without sufficient experience of the question of the reduction of hours of labour.

Consequently, he went on, Britain thought it more important to revise the constitution instead of adhering to the present wording, and he proposed that the Government Body should include the revision of the Convention in the agenda of the 1929 Conference.

In the meantime, he suggested that the Labour Office should prepare a report for submission to the April Session after which it should be circulated to all States for their opinions.

Delegates Dissent.

The workers' delegates strongly dissented from the British proposals. M. Jouhaux, France, declared that he was bitterly disappointed, and pointed out that the Continental delegates who travelled to Washington accepted the British standpoint in order to avoid difficulties, and that the British delegates accepted the third text of the Convention.

Delegates representing British and French employers supported Mr. Betterton, while the German Government delegate proposed the postponement of a decision until the April Session.

Premature Proposals.

The meeting finally adopted a suggestion put forward by the French and Belgian Government delegates, that discussions regarding the procedure be instituted during the next Session, when the question of whether the revision of the Convention should be placed on the agenda for the 1929 Conference would be discussed.

Mr. Albert Thomas declared that the eight-hour day had been introduced practically everywhere. Moreover, he said, the British proposal was premature since the rules of procedure must be formulated before revision could be undertaken.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

An Explanation.

Rome, February 2nd.

Mr. H. B. Betterton, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, made an important announcement to-day to the Executive Council of the International Labour Office at Geneva.

Referring to the procedure for the revision of the International Conventions sponsored by the Labour Office, he recalled the difficulties encountered by the great industrial countries, particularly Great Britain, in proceeding to the ratification of the Washington Eight-Hour Convention.

He observed that the Convention contained dispositions which could not be made to conform to the complexity of modern industrial life. Despite all effort to that end, general ratification was always impeded by these great difficulties.

The British Government, therefore, considered that a wise procedure would be to undertake the revision of the Convention. By such a revision they considered an agreement might be possible among the great industrial Powers.

The British Government, he pointed out, had already set on foot a discussion of the subject between the employers and the workers' organisations in Great Britain. Mr. Betterton added that the British Government had asked the Executive of the Convention to attend the Labour Conference to be convened in 1922.

HOME BY-ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVES RETAIN
BRISTOL (WEST).

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 2nd.

The result of the by-election at Bristol (West) caused by the elevation of Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. G. A. Gibbs (Conservative) to the Peerage, resulted as follows:—
Mr. C. T. Calverley (Lab.) 7,702
Lady Clara Amey (Lib.) 4,900
Mr. W. N. Markey (Lib.) 2,574
[Lieut.-Col. Gibbs polled 2,574 while his Labour opponent, Mr. M. Giles, registered 820 votes, at the General Election.]

LONDON'S FAREWELL TO FIELD
MARSHAL EARL HAIG.

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

THE BURIAL TO TAKE PLACE NEAR
SIR WALTER SCOTT'S TOMB.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 3rd.

London to-day bade farewell to the dead chief of the Empire's greatest army.

The funeral service of Earl Haig at Westminster Abbey was wireless broadcast, and so was heard throughout Britain and the Dominions.

All ranks were represented at the Abbey. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Prince Henry represented His Majesty the King, while Marshal Foch and Marshal Petain, the Belgian General, Baron Decouninck, and the Japanese Ambassador represented the Allies, and the Diplomatic representatives of other States were also present.

A mass of wreaths was sent to the Abbey, mostly of Flanders' poppies, and included those from the King of Italy and from the Yugo-Slav and the Hungarian Armies. The flag of the German Embassy was half-masted.

Places were reserved for many disabled ex-Servicemen inside and outside of the Abbey and also at the Scottish Church of St. Columba, where the remains had been lying in state and where the procession started to the Abbey.

The coffin was borne on the same gun-carriage upon which had been placed the unknown warrior's body. It was taken to the Cenotaph and was escorted by a mile-long escort of troops, including French and Belgian detachments and the massed bands of the guards.

The pall-bearers were Admirals Jellicoe and Beatty, and Field Marshals Methuen and Jacob, Generals Gough, Lawrence, Blynn, Horne, Ian Hamilton, Cavan, Marshal of the Air Force, Sir H. Trenchard, Marshals Foch, Petain and Decouninck.

After the service in the Abbey the body was taken to Waterloo Station in a conveyance to Earl Haig's Scottish home at Bemesyde for burial at Dryburgh Abbey on the 7th inst.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

M. BRIAND AND THE
LOCARNO PACT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, February 2nd.

Two long-awaited Ministerial statements were made simultaneously, one in the Senate and the other in the Chamber.

M. Poincare, the Premier and Minister of Finance, addressing the Chamber, dealt with the measures adopted to balance the Budget. The organisation of the debt redemption, he declared, has resulted in a world-wide return to confidence in French national finances, pointing out that the floating debt had been reduced by over seven milliard francs.

Both foreign and domestic credits had become abundant, he added, citing improvements like the reduction of the discount rate, and the de facto stabilisation of exchange. In conclusion, he stated that the Banque de France now dominated the exchange market.

Foreign Policy.

M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, in the Senate, gave a lengthy review of foreign affairs, declaring that he welcomed the dialogue across the frontier with Dr. Stresemann, as leading to decisive explanations, by which misunderstandings could be entirely dissipated.

The Locarno Pact, he said, contained both mystical and practical elements which had to be reconciled, but he considered that Dr. Stresemann was wandering amid olive groves.

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[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Feb. 2nd.

The remains of the late Earl Haig will be interred in the family vault at Dryburgh Abbey in Scotland on Tuesday it has been announced. Dryburgh Abbey is near Bemesyde House, the late Field Marshal's home, and the vault in which he will be buried is next to the burial place of Sir Walter Scott.

After the funeral service in Westminster Abbey tomorrow, the coffin will be entrained for Edinburgh, and arriving in the Scottish capital at about midnight, it will be received by General Sir William Peyton, the General Officer Commanding, Scotland, and his Staff.

Two squadrons of Scots Greys and the Pipe Band of the Cameron Highlanders will be in attendance. Members of the British Legion will march through the city to St. Giles' Cathedral, where the body will lie in state, until Monday, when it will be conveyed to Dryburgh Abbey.

Army Order.

The following Army Order was issued this evening:—"The Army Council, on the melancholy occasion of the death of Field Marshal Earl Haig, desire to place on record their sense of the heavy loss which the Army and Empire have sustained."

"The late Field Marshal had already served in many campaigns with great distinction and had held appointments of training the troops when he subsequently commanded in the Great War. As the Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders, he bore, through four long years, the heaviest burden which has ever been carried by a British soldier in the history of the Empire."

"He led the forces of the Empire to victory and placed his countrymen under a debt of gratitude which is fully acknowledged now and which the Council are persuaded, will be no less fully recognised by succeeding generations."

"Always studious of the welfare of the troops under his command in the field, since the war, he devoted without stint his time and great energy to promoting the interests of those who had risked their employment, health and lives in the service of the King. He has left to the army an imperishable memory and to the Empire a glorious example."

The Pall-Bearers.

It is announced by the War Office that Field Marshal Sir William Robertson has been forbidden by his doctor to act as pall-bearer at the Westminster Service, and that his place will be taken by General Lord Cavan.

Among the messages of condolence received to-day by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain was one from the Brazilian Government.

A DUBLIN SENSATION.

TWO WOMEN CHARGED WITH
CONSPIRACY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 2nd.

Two women, who have steadily refused to give their names, have been arrested in Dublin, and charged with conspiracy to publish criminal and seditious libels concerning Mr. James McNeill, the recently-installed Governor-General of the Irish Free State.

Similar charges have been preferred in the case of the late Minister of Justice of the Free State, Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, and others, while the indictment also includes charges of conspiracy to incite members of the public to murder the new Governor-General or other persons connected with the Government.

The women were remanded, after a brief hearing, and granted bail in the sum of £300 each.

Counsel for the prosecution told the Court that the defendants were charged with passing in buildings documents which named "Who were the invincibles" and stating that they were the men who in 1921 executed two of England's officials.

The demeanour of the two women caused considerable amusement during the whole of the proceedings.

The Locarno Pact, declared M. Briand, had the tendency to hold out the hand to receive rather than to give. Germany must realise that the two countries were bound to meet with difficulties before they could hope to reach a healthy understanding.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TODAY'S FIXTURES.

SCOTS GUARDS AND CHINA ATHLETIC.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon v. Queen's Regt., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

Scots Guards v. China Athletic, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Willis.

South China v. R.A.F., South China ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

H.K.F.C. v. K.O.S.B.s, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Division II. "A."

Kick off at 3.45 p.m.

South China "B" v. R.A. Reserves, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Phillips.

K.O.S.B.s Reserves v. China Athletic, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, South China ground. Referee: Sgt. Hyson.

Kowloon Reserves v. University, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

Division II. "B."

Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

South China "A" v. Kung Woo, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon "B" v. St. Joseph's Reserves, Catham Road ground. Referee: B.Q.M.S. Hutchins.

RECREIO POSTPONEMENTS.

Owing to the Recreation Club house being opened by H.E. the Governor to-day, the Club de Recreation teams have been permitted to postpone their League fixtures to-day.

WILL THE GUARDS BEAT CHINA ATHLETIC?

On the Garrison ground at Sookunpo, the Scots Guards receive the China Athletic in their return game. The first game of the season between these teams was played on the H.K.F.C. and ended in a draw. This is the only point dropped by the Athletic in League games to-day.

This game will attract a record crowd to Sookunpo and the Garrison have increased the seating accommodation by erecting a stand at the North end of the ground. The sloping overlooking the playing field will be well patronised, Caroline making a good rendezvous for the Chinese crowd.

The Guards think they can go a points further in this game than they did in the last, but the Athletic will be all out to maintain their unbeaten League record. The game should be very fast and keenly contested throughout.

KOWLOON AND QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

For the peninsula enthusiasts, a fine game should be seen on the Railway ground between Kowloon F.C. and the Queen's Regt.

Although the military side is not playing as well as they did at the start of the season, they can always give their opponents a good game and they should take the points to-day. Kowloon is still experimenting with the side with the object of making improvements before the Shield season opens. Sims may not be out to-day as he received a bad strain while at Shanghai.

South China meet the R.A.F. and a keen game should be seen. South China last week failed to go the distance against the K.O.S.B.s and were badly beaten in the last fifteen minutes of the game. The R.A.F. shared the points last week with the H.K.F.C. on the Club ground. The Airman should win to-day.

A fast game is expected on the H.K.F.C. ground between the Club and the K.O.S.B.s. The military team still have a fighting chance for the runners-up position in the League and a win to-day will strengthen their position for that honour. The Club are building a team in view of the Shield Competition and will fully extend the Borderers in this match.

THE JUNIORS.

In the Junior "A" division, the teams are down to meet the Athletic Reserves on the Garrison ground. The Athletic will try hard to take a point from the leaders and stop their run of successes. The K.O.S.B.s Reserves have shown a certain amount of stamina in their recent games, perhaps resting content now they have secured League honours.

The Gunners Reserves are due on St. Joseph's ground against South China "B". This game should be evenly contested and a division of points may be seen.

St. Joseph's will leave nothing to chance against South China "A" on their own ground and should take the points.

Kowloon Reserves receive the University and a win for the home team is assured.

(Continued on next Column.)

CRICKET.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

The following is the list of matches for to-day:—

THE LEAGUE.

Division I.

Chief Service C.C. v. Royal Artillery.

Division II.

Indian R.C. "A" v. University.

FRIENDLY.

Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Craigagower v. Diocesan School.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd v. Hong Kong C.C. 2nd.

Police R.C. v. University 2nd. Reserve v. Royal Navy 2nd.

I.R.C. "B" v. UNIVERSITY "B."

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. in the above match to-morrow (Sunday) at Sookunpo:—

Volunteers:—H. Buxton, A. Dand, R. R. Davies, S. Jex, F. E. Lawrence, O. Moor, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsey, A. Reid, C. D. Wales, and E. Zimmerman.

Play to commence at 2 p.m. prompt.

HOCKEY.

NAVY AGAIN BEAT THE R.A.F.

SIM SHIELD TIE.

In the return match with the Navy in the Sim Shield competition played at King's Park yesterday, the Royal Air Force hockey team lost by three goals to one. The losers played a better game than in the first meeting, but the Navy again proved too strong.

The Navy have one more match left, this being the return game with the Hong Kong Hockey Club. Their close rivals, the Army, have still to play the R.A.F. twice. It seems likely, the two Service teams will be level on points and play a final game to decide who is to hold the trophy.

The Army and the Navy secured even honours in their two matches, but the latter have a better goal average as will be seen from the table given below:

The Position To Date.

The positions of the Clubs to date are:—

P. W. L. D. F. A. P.

Navy 5 4 1 0 20 6 8

Army 4 3 1 0 12 9 6

Club 4 1 3 0 8 15 2

R.A.F. 3 0 3 0 2 12 0

THE F.A. CUP.

FOURTH ROUND COMPLETED.

The fourth round of the Football Association Cup has now been completed, a *Revue* cable announcing that in the remaining replay, Blackburn Rovers defeated Exeter City by three goals to one goal.

Blackburn are now at home to Port Vale in the fifth round.

The draw for the 5th round of the F.A. Cup, to be played on Saturday, February 18th, now stands as under:—

Manchester United v. Birmingham.

Sheffield Wednesday v. Sheffield United.

Arsenal v. Aston Villa.

Leicester v. Spurs.

Manchester City v. Stoke.

Huddersfield v. Middlesbrough.

Blackburn v. Port Vale.

Notts Forest v. Cardiff.

In the Junior "B" division,

there are two games only. Kung Wo should win against South China "A".

Kowloon "B" and St. Joseph's played a drawn game on the College ground last week. With the advantage of playing at Kowloon, the "B" team should go one better this week.

Suspension.

W. Lawrence of the Club de Recreation Reserves was suspended until 1st January 1929, for deliberately kicking an opponent when playing against South China last week in a junior "A" game.

KOWLOON 1st XI. v. QUEEN'S

To-day, on Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon: Angus; Wheeler and Dohdson; Hedley, Sims and McKelvie; Reid, Kernick, Northey, Muir and Miles. Reserves: May and Tiersan.

KOWLOON 2nd XI. v. THE UNIVERSITY.

To-day, on Kowloon ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon: Wood; Guest and Pasco; Roberts, Biles and Blacklock; Pile, A. N. Other, Condes, Dunnett, and Eastman. Reserve: East.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. ENTRIES CLOSING.

U.S.R.C. FINALS.

[BY HOLLYWOOD.]

Players are reminded that the entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament, which includes the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony, close at noon to-day. As yet the most noticeable absentees are the Chinese, but it is hoped that they will send in their entries to-day. From the other Clubs, there seems to be no falling off, while more than usual have been received from the University.

At the United Services Recreation Club ground two interesting matches will be played at 3 p.m. to-day. Both should prove particularly attractive as prominent local players are taking part. They are the Finals in the Club's Tournament, between Miss Luard (sec) and Mrs. Thorp (rec. 9/8) for the Ladies' Singles Handicap, and for the Mixed Doubles Championship in which Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham will be opposed to Major Lucas and Mrs. Grimbale. A capital match is expected. The first named match starts at 3 p.m. and the other at 3.15 p.m.

Resignation of Captain Charles.

By the resignation of Capt. Charles from the post of Hon. Secretary, the United Services Recreation Club loses a very capable official. Capt. Charles has done much for the Club and the many improvements in the ground are testimony to his devotion to the Club. It is pleasing to know that he will still serve as a member of the Ground Committee. His resignation takes effect from March 1st next and Lieut. Joll, R.A., is replacing him.

BIG BANK'S BAN ON DOG-RACING.

TO WITHHOLD NAME FROM RACECOURSE PROSPECTUSES.

GROWING OPPOSITION.

It is understood that one of the big banks has decided to withhold its name from any further greyhound racecourse prospectuses after the experience of a recent flotation.

A more cautious attitude is also to be taken, the *Westminster Gazette* is informed, towards future flotations, of which several are expected, by the other big banks.

The manager of the London headquarters of one of the "big five" stated that while no general ruling against greyhound racecourse prospectuses was being made by his bank they would treat them simply on a strictly commercial basis and subject them to careful scrutiny.

Council's Ban.

West Ham has set its face against greyhound racing. The Council will have none of it in the borough and several applications from promoting companies to purchase land for racing tracks have been refused by the majority opinion of the West Ham Council, to quote the words of the Mayor, Mr. M. Skremer.

"It appears that there is a distinct opposition to this form of sport in West Ham," said the Mayor's son, "and the Council, therefore, is acting only in accordance with the general consensus of opinion."

Growing Opposition.

Opposition to the sport is growing throughout the country, and in many of the towns where dog racing authorities contemplate the building of tracks, permission is likely to be withheld by the local authorities primarily on the grounds of betting, which, it is considered, is the chief reason for the popularity of greyhound racing.

The scheme of the International Dog Racing Association to lay out a track at Patchway, near Bristol, has been rejected by the regional town planning committee.

Both rural and city authorities are agreed that the proposal is unsuited to the neighbourhood.

Land had been purchased, plans drawn up and work was about to begin.

MAYOR TO FIND TWO WIVES.

WOULD BE HUSBANDS' CONDITIONS.

NOTTINGHAM, Jan. 4th.

The Mayor of Nottingham has received two letters, one from Western Australia, and the other from Lancashire, in each of which the writer asks the Mayor to find him a wife.

The prospective husband in Australia—a young accountant, who is a bachelor—stipulates only that she must be born and bred in Nottingham.

The Lancashire applicant, a widower, stipulates that his wife must be less than thirty years old, but adds as a palliative that he is not a man "who rambles from home nor one who would keep a woman tied up like a dog in a kennel."

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

8.21 a.m. G. Murray and Lt. Cur. Brown.

9.23 " C. B. Brown and A. Sommerfeldt.

9.32 " J. D. H. Crawford and R. H. C. Ashby.

9.36 " R. A. Green and F. M. Ella.

9.40 " G. Shillington and A. G. Henderson.

9.44 " Capt. Perfect and H. T. Forsyth.

9.48 " H. A. Lammet and I. Nantz.

9.52 " A. E. Lisaman and A. O. Brawn.

9.56 " C. C. Stark and I. H. Geare.

10.00 " Capt. A. G. Dobbie and J. L. Christie.

10.04 " J. B. A. Hankey and K. S. Morrison.

10.08 " E. R. Hallifax and E. D. Matthews.

10.12 " F. Cowherd and N. K. Littlejohn.

10.16 " A. Leuch and D. J. Gilmore.

10.20 " E. P. Streetfield and N. H. Procter.

10.24 " B. D. Evans and D. Forbes.

10.28 " D. M. Goodall and A. W. Roberts.

10.32 " Major Ogilvy and W. L. Durbar.

10.36 " A. B. S. Clarke and W. Ironside.

10.40 " W. A. Butterfield and J. Cameron.

10.44 " W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.

10.48 " G. Webster and G. Vickers.

10.52 " E. J. Mahon and E. Stone.

10.56 " E. Davidson and C. B. Johnson.

11.00 " W. Beveridge and F. H. Swayne.

11.04 " A. R. Cox and A. W. Hodges.

11.08 " F. Taylor and A. B. Purves.

11.12 " S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.

11.16 " W. A. Stewart and T. Low.

11.20 " C. P. Ross and A. W. Hay Edie.

11.24 " M. H. Ivy and G. Davidson.

11.28 " G. E. Ellams and G. Coulthart.

11.32 " K. M. Grayburn and J. H. Raikes.

11.36 " H. R. Sturt and S. R. Waller.

11.40 " H. Rogers and F. G. Fowle.

11.44 " A. D. Humphreys and C. L. Sandes.

11.48 " H. Spier and J. Haig.

11.52 " P. P. J. Woodhouse and D. H. Blake.

11.56 " E. P. Moodie and M. G. Mills.

LADIES' SECTION.

The Medal Competition held during January on the New Course, Fanling, for prizes presented by Mrs. White-Smith was won by Mrs. R. L. Bridger, 1st, Mrs. B. Brown being 2nd.

The Tombstone Competition held on Tuesday, January 31st, was won by Mrs. F. A. Redmond and the hidden number prize by Mrs. Leggat. Mrs. R. L. Bridger kindly presented both the prizes.

The Eclectic Competition held during December and January in aid of the funds of the S.P.C.A. was won by Mrs. L. G. Dowdell, the prize being kindly given by Messrs. Bennett Freres.

GOLF AT THE VALLEY.

MATCH ARRANGED BETWEEN POLICE AND TAIKOO.

A match has been arranged to take place on the course at Happy Valley on Sunday, February 12th, between the Police and Taikoo, starting at 9 a.m.

The teams are follows:—

Police. TAIKOO.

P. P. J. Woodhouse, C. I. E. (captain) v. R. C. Wallace

F. E. Booker v. J. Laing

A. J. W. Worling v. J. Stewart

Calthorp v. J. McCubbin (captain).

T. H. King v. E. Moore

F. James v. W. W. G.

W. Kent v. G. McLeod

A. E. Charman v. T. Young

E. Ellis v. J. H. Stewart

LT.-COL. MATTHEWS GOING ON HOME LEAVE.

MR. E. O. BLAKE TO ACT DURING HIS ABSENCE.

Lieut.-Col. Matthews, who was appointed Treasurer of the Golf Club, in addition to his duties as Secretary, as from January 1st, is shortly going on home leave.

During his absence Mr. E. O. Blake will act as Secretary and Treasurer of the Club as from March 1st.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

PORTUGUESE v. BRITISHER.

A SPLENDID PROGRAMME AT LEE THEATRE.

[BY INSTANT.]

Boxing fans will be well catered for to-night at the Lee Theatre.

The drawing card will be the fight between Jose Pintos da Silva of the Portuguese transport, *Pelro d'Alenquer*, and Signalmann Morris of H.M.S. *Argus*. These two men will fight for the championship of the Colony in the middleweight class for 15 rounds.

Judging from what I have seen at their training camps, I am sure that these two contestants will give the spectators a most thrilling show.

Silva is out to win and Morris is dead keen to get the championship of the Colony and when both men are determined to win the verdict, the fans are assured of something really startling.

The other fights are also on a standard rarely seen in the Colony. Hall and Fraser will have their say again. The latter was not satisfied with the verdict given against him in his last fight with Hall. He thinks that he is the better man and he will go out of his way to show it to-night. Hall will have to be on his mettle if he wishes to remain the victor.

Shons and Hume—the latter is the K.O.S.B.'s mascot—will also try conclusions again. Hume is a clean cut lad, and had won every fight he has fought in Hong Kong.

A certain amount of disappointment was shown when it was known that Iron Bux, originally booked to fight Silva, will not be fighting to-night. Personally, I am inclined to think that Morris is a better match for Silva. Bux, no doubt a good boxer in his hey-days, is now in the veteran stage. He was given a chance to have a go at Silva only recently, but did not accept. At their last meeting although he lasted the ten rounds, he had to admit that Silva was far too superior to him.

Hong Kong fans would like to see Bux in action once more, but not against such a tough proposition as Silva.

I do sincerely hope that Bux will be given a fight in Hong Kong, and, if I am not mistaken, Mr. Brook is still doing his best to secure an opponent for Bux.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]—

SIR,—Owing to a misunderstanding between the Association and Messrs. Moutrie & Co. Ltd., the public have been informed that the booking office that the first ten rows of the stalls at the Lee Theatre are priced at \$5, instead of \$3.

Any members of the public who have paid \$5 for any of these seats may obtain the necessary refund from Messrs. Moutrie & Co. Ltd., and in like manner the seats for which \$3 have been paid may be adjusted as to position in the Theatre, either by communication with Messrs. Moutrie & Co. Ltd., or at the Theatre on Saturday evening.—Yours faithfully,

T. G. BENNETT.

Hong Kong Boxing Association.

Hong Kong, Feb. 3rd, 1928.

PARENTS' SELF-SACRIFICE.

LIVES LOST IN SAVING THEIR CHILDREN.

FARM FIRE TRAGEDY.

LONDON, Jan. 10th.

The inquest was held at Elworthy, near Taunton, yesterday on Roland Edgar Blackledge, aged 37, an ex-officer engaged in poultry farming, and his wife, who lost their lives after saving their children when their farmhouse caught fire.

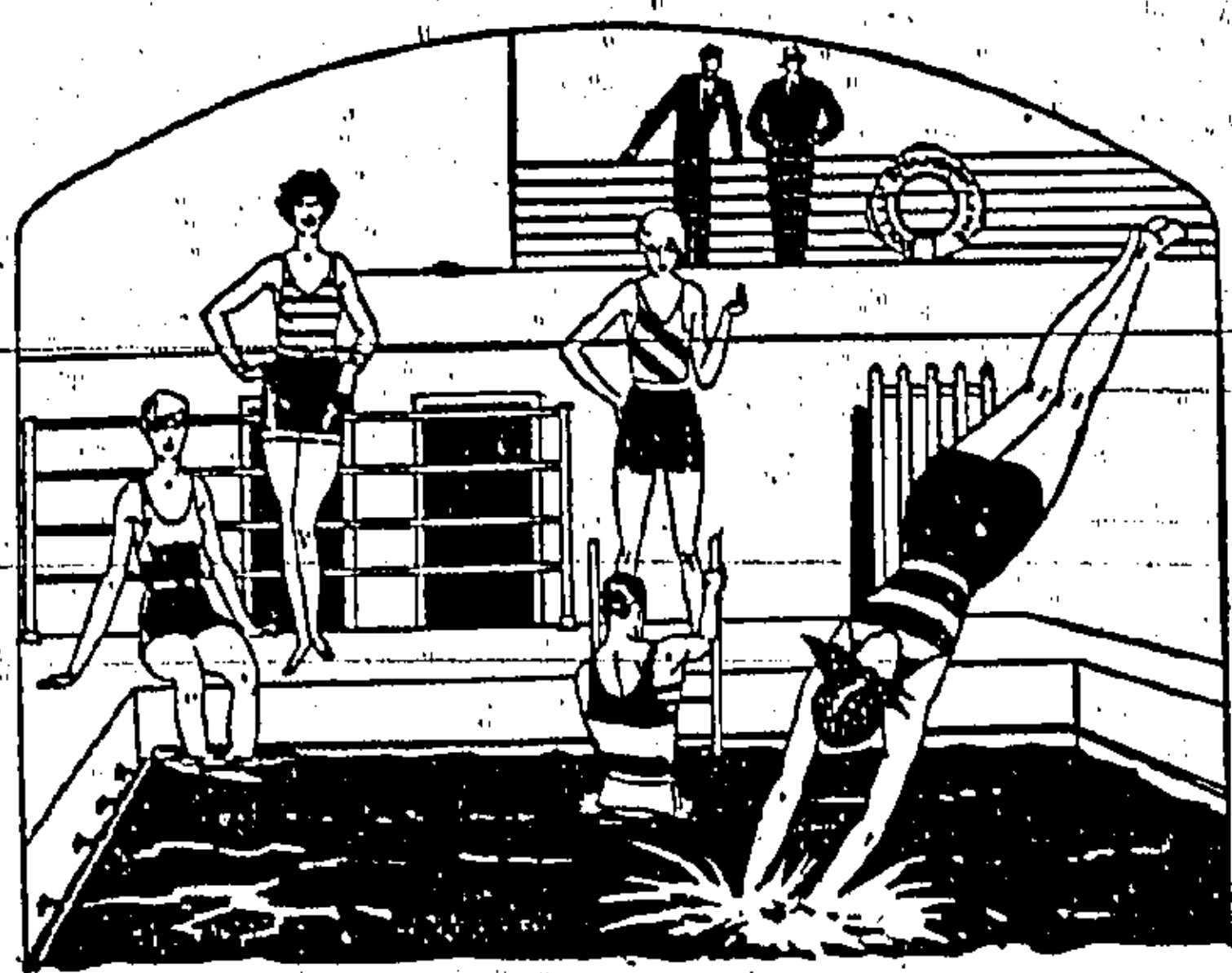
Their daughter, Elsie, aged 12, said she was sleeping with her sister, who is 7. "I was awakened by mother," she said, "who called, 'Come on, Elsie, quick, there's a fire.' Father tried to carry me downstairs, but could not do so because of the smoke. Mother and father got me and my sister out on to the porch of the outer door and we slid to the ground. Granny was also put out.

"We called to Daddy and Mummy to follow, but they did not do so. We smelt burning before going to bed, but could not find what it was."

In returning a verdict of Death by Misadventure, the jury stated that in their opinion Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge lost their lives in performing an act of great heroism and self-sacrifice.

MISS LOIE FULLER.

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Pres. Polk Sun. Mar. 11th	Pres. Harrison Sun. Apr. 22nd
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NAVAL ITEMS.

COMDR. G. C. MUIRHEAD-GOULD.

STAFF APPOINTMENT ON H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

Commander—G. C. Muirhead-Gould, D.S.C., has been appointed to H.M.S. *Hawkins* as staff officer (operations) on the staff of Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Comdr. Muirhead-Gould, formerly commanded the sloop *Bluebell* in China. He became a lieutenant in December, 1910, and during the first months of the War was in H.M.S. *Defence*, Grand Fleet. In January, 1915, he was appointed for special service with the Army, and was mentioned in Lord French's despatches of May 31st, 1915. He returned to naval duty in the December following as Flag Lieutenant to Rear-Admiral A. L. Duff, in the battleship *Emperor of India*, and in March, 1917, became Flag Lieutenant to Commodore C. E. Lambert, in the *Birmingham*. He was promoted to Commander in June, 1924, after being second-in-command of the cruiser *Cairo*.

The aircraft carrier *Hermes*, manned by a new crew under the command of Capt. G. Hopwood, was ordered to complete her refit at Chatham Dockyard on January 10th, and to leave Sheerness on January 15th on her return to Hong Kong for further service on the China station.

The vessels of the First Cruiser Squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B., are being taken home one by one to England to refit. The flagship *Fraser* arrived at Devonport on December 17th. The *De Witt*, Captain K. D. W. Macpherson, arrived at Chatham on January 25th. The next ship will be the *Daguer*, Capt. L. D. J. Mackinnon, which is to arrive at Chatham in time to be taken in hand for refit on March 1st.

The last contingent of Class A Reservists who were mobilised for service in China arrived at Southampton on December 29th. The Headquarters of the 13th Infantry Brigade, the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, and the 1st Battalion, Border Regiment were also on board. The vessel had a very rough passage, encountering heavy squalls in the Bay of Biscay.

The sloop *Cornflower*, which is already announced, is on her way out to China with a new crew for the surveying ship *Tringa*, will recommission on arrival with the crew now in the sloop *Hollyhock*. The *Cornflower* has undergone extensive repairs after service in the Red Sea Division, where her place has been taken by the *Dahlia*.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING.

SIR A. ANDERSON'S VIEWS.

LONDON. Sir Alan Anderson, presiding at a meeting of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, said he had little that was pleasant to remark about the cargo trade. The Orient steamers in 30 despatches to Australia had carried 4,000 tons more than the 17 despatches of last year, but the number and capacity of the steamers berthed by all lines this year was far beyond the needs of the trade.

There was a lamentable shortage of cargo from Australia, for which the liners had been designed, and the supply of tonnage seriously exceeded the demand. Despite the 10 per cent. reduction in freight the expensive insulated space in the liners was left empty or only carried wheat.

Regarding the saloon traffic, he said, although the despatched six fewer sailings last year than in 1912-1913 less than half the berths were occupied to Colombo and Australia on the outward trip, and the results on the homeward trips were even worse. Our experience is not peculiar. Saloon passengers to and from Australia are offered more berths than they require. We fill the vacant berths from London to Port Said with holiday passengers, but between Fremantle and Brisbane the saloon accommodation for more than six months is practically empty, and seldom more than half full. The Australian Navigation Act prevents overseas vessels from trading economically on the coast, and thus the Orient Company's saloon accommodation is wasted for about a quarter of the itinerary. The high quality of the steamers at present trading to Australia is the obvious result of a conference. The serious defect in trade is the result of too little conference. There are too many steamers in the Australian trade, with the result that the load factor of each ship is not economically low.

"It will no doubt be made clear in the conditions of sale of the Commonwealth Line—whether the tender of any company at present serving Australia would be acceptable. The committee which considered the future of the Commonwealth line distributed a conference between the lines without specifying in which manner a conference would misbehave except by conferring. A conference would not ston competition, but would direct it more to quality and price."

FORCED OLD SILVER.

WORK OF CLEVER CRAFTSMEN.

HOW HALL MARKS ARE REPRODUCED.

LONDON.

Numerous cases are coming to light of speculators in and collectors of antique silver ware, of which an unusually large amount has been on the market recently, being deceived by skillful forgers.

Even amateur dealers of sufficient experience to be considered experts have been defrauded, generally by accepting as genuinely antique articles of modern factory production, but bearing authentic markings indicating considerable age and manufacture by famous silversmiths.

The head of a London firm of silver valuers explained to a *Daily Mail* reporter the circumstances in which the deception is possible.

He said: "Many of the pieces of old silver now reaching the market have lost most of the value they would otherwise have possessed because their care has been neglected or they have been chipped and had parts broken. These articles can be acquired cheaply, and a large number have been bought by men who can use them skillfully for fraudulent purposes."

Test That Fails.

These men are somehow able to gain an intimate association with the antique trade and thereby come to know that certain collectors are on the look out for particular classes and specimens of old silver. They first acquire modern and comparatively inexpensive copies of the antique ware which is being searched for, and then take steps to lead the prospective buyers to believe that they possess the articles wanted.

In every case the silver offered bears the genuine stampings of an old date of manufacture, the hall mark, and the maker's mark. This is achieved by cutting out the marks from period silver and, with hard soldering and hammering up, fitting them into the new stuff. Ordinarily, the test for deception is the simple one of breathing on and around the marks, when the joins usually show up plainly. But the men who have been practicing this kind of fraud recently are so clever that their forgeries defy detection by this method. This fraudulent trading is all done privately, and it would have a speedy end if buyers would deal only with firms whose names are a warranty, or would insist on having the silver examined by accepted experts before completing the purchase.

TREASURE IN A LOFT.

Some magnificent 16th-century wood carving has been discovered at Weston Manor, near Bicester, Oxfordshire, belonging to Lord Greville.

The house once belonged to Osney Abbey, and Richard Ridge, the chief woodcarver of Henry VIII, made some panelling carved mounted by a very beautiful carved frieze of mermaids, and dolphins for the banquet hall. Two strips of this frieze, each about 12ft. long, had been missing.

Some children were playing in a loft and kicked through a rotten piece of skirting board. Behind it lay the two pieces of the missing frieze as perfect as the day they were made.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 1st.	Previous On Date On Date	Day	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer.....	30.15	30.17	30.11		
Temperature.....	56	54	57		
Humidity.....	75	79	70		
Wind.....					
Direction.....	WSW	Calm	N		
Force.....	0	0	0		
Weather.....	0	0	0		
Rain.....	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Lightest open-air temperature, 2nd: 55					
Lowest open-air temperature, 2nd: 53					

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 4th to 10th, 1928.

Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Sat.	4	h. m. s.	h. m. s.	h. m. s.
		8 57 7.7	1 23 3.5	5 10 7.7
Sun.	5	8 57 2.7	1 23 8.4	5 10 2.7
Mon.	6	8 57 4.3	1 23 0.5	5 10 4.3
Tues.	7	8 57 4.4	1 23 0.7	5 10 4.4
Wed.	8	8 57 4.4	1 23 0.7	5 10 4.4
Thurs.	9	8 57 4.4	1 23 0.7	5 10 4.4
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "MACEDONIA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 1928.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 22nd February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 2nd Feb., 1928. [5845]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "KHIVA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 1928.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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Hong Kong, 2nd Feb., 1928. [5845]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "GENERAL METZINGER."

BRINGING CARGO FROM MARSEILLES, AC, ALSO CARGO FROM COGNAC, EX S.S. "TETUAN."

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Thursday, the 9th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 6th February, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1928. [5841]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "YANGTSE."

BRINGING CARGO FROM ROTTERDAM, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, LONDON, AC, ALSO CARGO FROM HARVE & COGNAC, EX S.S. "COMMANDEUR DOHISE."

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 10th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928. [5842]

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† S.S. "SAARLAND" ... sailing from here on or about the 13th Mar.
* M.S. "HAVELLAND" (Omitting Manila) ... sailing from here on or about the 20th Mar.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "JAPANESE PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 28th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 6th February, at 10 a.m.

Fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 6th February, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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NOTICE

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "SZECHUEN" ... On 4th Feb. 9 a.m.	
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG ... "CHINHUA" ... On 4th Feb. Noon	
SHANGHAI & DALNY ... "YINJOH" ... On 6th Feb. 10 a.m.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK ... "KWANGCHOW" ... On 8th Feb. Noon	
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ... "ICHANG" ... On 8th Feb. 6 p.m.	
SHANGHAI ... "RICHIE" ... On 8th Feb. 7 a.m.	
SWATOW & SHANGHAI ... "NEWORANGE" ... On 8th Feb. 8 a.m.	
SHANGHAI ... "KANGSANG" ... On 10th Feb. 7 a.m.	
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "SUOCHOW" ... On 11th Feb. 7 a.m.	
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG ... "TEAN" ... On 11th Feb. Noon	
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK ... "KINGYUAN" ... On 12th Feb. 7 a.m.	
SWATOW & SHANGHAI ... "LIANGCHOW" ... On 12th Feb. 8 a.m.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK ... "KIANGSU" ... On 12th Feb. 10 a.m.	
SHANGHAI ... "YUNNAN" ... On 15th Feb. 7 a.m.	
WEIHAUWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ... "KUEICHO" ... On 15th Feb. 4 p.m.	
SWATOW & SHANGHAI ... "NANNING" ... On 16th Feb. 8 a.m.	
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ... "SHANTUNG" ... On 18th Feb. 7 a.m.	
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE ... "ANHUI" ... On 19th Feb. 7 a.m.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK ... "KAYING" ... On 19th Feb. 10 a.m.	

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S.S. "LYON" ... Via Suez Canal	9th March
S.S. "CITY OF ADELAIDE" ... Via Suez Canal	23rd March
S.S. "BHESSUS" ... Via Suez Canal	6th April
S.S. "CITY OF DUNKIRK" ... Via Suez Canal	20th April

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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

February 2nd.

Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. J. H. van den Berg, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Soon Ann, Chinese str., 737 tons, Capt. Lo Shing, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37.—Shun On Co.

Taipei Maru, Japanese str., 1,290 tons, Capt. S. Aoshima, from Wakamatsu, which port she left on January 28th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B31.—Y.K.K.

Tunkin, French str., 907 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47.—M.M.

Wingon, Chinese str., 303 tons, Capt. I. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bevard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.

Yongchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. A. H. Bathurst, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A31.—B. & S.

February 3rd.

Altair, American str., 4,027 tons, Capt. A. H. Peterson, from Los Angeles, which port she left on December 31st, with 8,000 tons of bulk oil, lying at Laichikok.—standard Oil Co.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,238 tons, Capt. S. Takeya, from Singapore, which port she left on January 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A21.—O.S.K.

Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAlister, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Cheongshing, British str., 1,236 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Weihaiwei, which port she left on January 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Keijo Maru, Japanese str., 1,928 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Keelung via Amoy and Swatow, with coal and general cargo, amounting to 500 tons, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,345 tons, Capt. C. Alexander, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kwongyung, British str., 1,596 tons, Capt. Thos. Johnstone, from Bangkok and Kohsichang. The latter port she left on January 27th, with rice and wood, lying at buoy No. B13.—B. & S.

Malina, British schooner, 10,953 tons, Capt. W. A. Norman, R.N.R., from Yokohama, which port she left on January 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Penang Maru, Japanese str., 5,214 tons, Capt. H. Haimouchi, from Kobe and Moji. The latter port she left on January 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Polanahall, British str., 3,530 tons, Capt. F. W. Cadling, from Barry Dock and Port Said, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. A25.—Doddwell & Co.

Seochuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

(Continued on next Column.)

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per a.s. *Madon*, from Yokohama to London.—Mr. Boulter, Mrs. de Havilland, Mr. Moti, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Harrison, Sister Barbara, Miss Cull, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and child, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miss Lohman, Prof. Mokulowski, Duchess de Louchberg, Mr. Sager, Lt. Comdr. Garvey, Mrs. H. MacKenzie, Mr. R. Bignazi, Mr. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Breaky, Mr. Beatty, Rev. A. Faust, Mr. Marshall, Mr. D. Mitchell, Dr. F. Nield, Mr. H. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Paskove, Miss Paskove, Miss Graham, Miss Clancy, Miss Bevelly, Miss Guthrie, Miss Morgan, Mr. T. Graham, Mrs. C. Roschols, Dr. A. Popp, Mr. W. Smalley, Capt. L. Wilbraham, Mr. J. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Rose and Miss Rose, Mr. H. Master, Mrs. Beatty, General Sir John Duncan, Lady Duncan, and Miss Duncan, Mr. T. Givens, Mrs. Givens and infant, Commander B. Whetham, Rev. E. Rigdon, Mr. T. Doyle, Mr. J. Lindsay, and three children, Nurse and Serv. Lindsay, Mrs. A. Marshall, Mr. J. Broughton, Miss D. Broadfoot, Mr. W. Taylor, Miss Fryth, Mr. Burnside, Mrs. Courtis, Miss Courtis, Lt. Comdr. Seaman, Mrs. Fenton, and two children, Mr. F. Monet, Capt. and Mrs. Palmer-Baker, Mrs. A. Cannon, Dr. and Mrs. Gauntlett, Master Gauntlett, infant and nurse, Mr. R. Oakford, Mr. F. Wilson, Mrs. M. Simmond, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. J. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Misses Turner, Sergeant Thompson, Skt. Pickett, Teleg. Hughes, Teleg. Jones, Mr. J. Palmer.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, round the world cruise, left Singapore yesterday at 7 a.m., and is due at Manila on Tuesday, at 7 a.m.

The s.s. *President Pierce*, of the Dollar S.S. Line, from Tacoma and Seattle via ports in the Carr Roads, will arrive in Hong Kong on Sunday. This steamer will sail for Manila on Monday at 6 p.m.

The American Mail Line s.s. *President Madison* will arrive from Manila on Monday at 8 a.m., and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on Wednesday at 9 a.m.

CLEARANCES.

February 3rd.

Antung, for Amoy.
Celebes Maru, for Moji.
Daiyu Maru, for Hongkong.
Hai Hong, for Swatow.
Kiddelpore, for Shanghai.
Kwai Sang, for Canton.
Malina, for Singapore.
Nishin Maru, for Bangkok.
Penang Maru, for Singapore.
Phuapheh, for Hongkong.
Tokuishima Maru, for Moji.
Seijo Maru, for Singapore.
Seochuen, for Shanghai.
Sunland, for Kohsichang.
Tah Hong, for Amoy.
Tjiboda, for Haiphong.
Tunkin, for Haiphong.
Van-Vellenkoy, for Hongkong.
Yingchow, for Canton.

Tokuishima Maru, Japanese str., 5,975 tons, Capt. M. Araki, from Singapore, which port she left on January 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

MANNED BURNING SHIP.

LIVES SACRIFICED TO SAVE WHARF FROM FIRE.

—AUCKLAND, N.Z.
—It is now revealed that Captain W. Thompson and Chief Engineer Jackson, of the *Clan MacWilliam* (3,082 tons), who lost their lives when the vessel caught fire and sunk at Vauau, Tonga Islands, in the Pacific, on Christmas Eve, died in a gallant attempt to put to sea in the burning vessel to prevent the destruction by fire of the port wharf.

Flames from the *Clan MacWilliam* were seriously threatening the wharf, and Captain Thompson was ordered by the port authorities to leave. He appeared in vain to the lascar crew to man the ship, and in an effort to clear the vessel from the wharf he and Chief Engineer Jackson manned the engines.

The ship had only gone a short distance when it was enveloped in flames, the vessel's back was broken, and it sunk with the captain and engineer aboard.—*Centra News*.

WRECKED AT A PIER.

TRAWLER HANDS CLIMB UP MAST TO SAFETY.

RAMSGATE, Jan. 2nd.

The Ramsgate steam trawler *Paramout* was wrecked against the pier wall while attempting to enter the harbor in the dark early yesterday morning.

Five of the crew of nine were rescued by the motor-lifboat *Prudential*, and three others clambered up the mast to safety on the pier wall. The second engineer, Henry Offen, 28, married, was swept overboard, and his body badly crushed, was later washed ashore. The chief engineer was moved to hospital severely scalded.

When the tide receded the Ramsgate fire-engine was called to the sands to pump water out of the wreck.

Bound from Bremen to Berwick-on-Tweed with a cargo of salt and potatoes, the German motor-vessel *Primo* went ashore on the Carr Roads, Newbiggin (Northumberland). The vessel, which is owned by the master, Captain Weerts, on the chief mate, is likely to become a total wreck, but the crew were able to get ashore in the ship's boats.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.
STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
February 4th ... 7.02 a.m.	6.13 p.m.	
" 5th ... 7.02	6.14	
" 6th ... 7.01	6.14	
" 7th ... 7.00	6.15	
" 8th ... 7.00	6.15	
" 9th ... 6.59	6.16	
" 10th ... 6.59	6.17	
" 11th ... 6.58	6.18	
" 12th ... 6.58	6.19	
" 13th ... 6.57	6.19	
" 14th ... 6.57	6.20	
" 15th ... 6.56	6.20	
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" 20th ... 6.53	6.22	
" 21st ... 6.52	6.23	
" 22nd ... 6.51	6.23	
" 23rd ... 6.50	6.23	
" 24th ... 6.49	6.24	
" 25th ... 6.49	6.24	
" 26th ... 6.48	6.25	
" 27th ... 6.47	6.25	
" 28th ... 6.47	6.25	
" 29th ... 6.46	6.27	

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAO & SHANGHAI	"CHANGSANG"	Sun., 5th Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"HOPSANG"	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"HANGSANG"	Wed., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"WAISHING"	Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
KOBE via AMOI & MOJI	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAI MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Wed., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Satur., 4th Feb., at 4 a.m.
	"CHONGSHING"	Sun., 5th Feb., at 5 a.m.
	"WAISHING"	Sun., 5th Feb., at 5 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Thurs., 9th Feb., at 3 p.m.
	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 9th Feb., at 3 p.m.

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Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE" (via Oran)	5th April
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TO SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOK.

Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"	8th February
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	28th February
Steamship "GLENLUCIE"	5th March
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	18th March
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	4th April

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Pass. S.S. "SAARWUECKEN"	departure 13th February
Freight S.S. "Anhalt"	departure 22nd February
Pass. S.S. "COBLENZ"	departure 10th March
Freight S.S. "Mosel"	departure 14th March

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NEXT OUTWARD SAILINGS:

Freight S.S. "Angsburg"	due here 10th February
Pass. S.S. "COBLENZ"	due here 14th February
Freight S.S. "Oder"	due here 29th February
Pass. M.V. "FULDA"	due here 12th March

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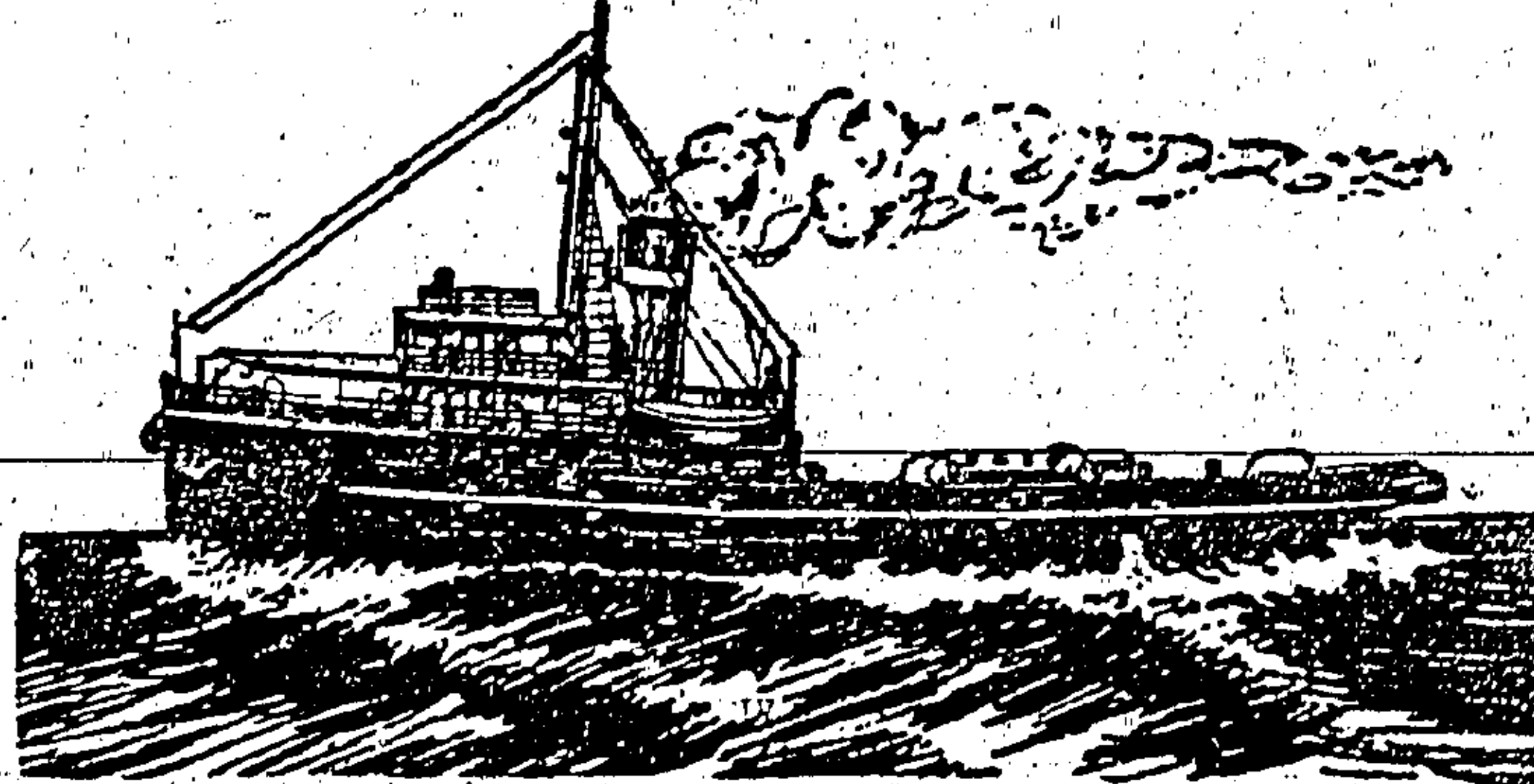
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Further Sailings	Expected here on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Australia"	14th February	25th March
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M.S. "Africa"	28th March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya"	18th April	27th May
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Shipping News

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

NORMAL ENTRIES.

NINETEEN VESSELS ARRIVE.

Although nineteen vessels arrived in the Colony during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday, the freight brought for the Colony were below the average. Through cargo, however, remained normal.

Cargo discharged for Hong Kong amounted to 12,922 tons. These were from 17 vessels of which six British steamers contributed 4,984 tons; the two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Cheong Shing* from Tongku and Wei-Hai-Wei with 9,428 tons and from the s.s. *Taipei Maru* from Wakamatsu with 2,000 tons.

For ports beyond the Colony there was a normal return of 13,342 tons contributed by ten vessels of which six British steamers were responsible for 6,340 tons. The two best returns were the s.s. *Tokushima* (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore, and the s.s. *Khira* (British) arriving from Bombay and Singapore. The former carried 6,319 tons, and the latter 6,484 tons.

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	6
French	1	1
Italian	1	1
Japanese	3	1
Chinese	4	4
Dutch	0	1
Norwegian	0	2
Total	19	18

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Madison, Feb. 6th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changie, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.
City of Denares, Feb. 18th.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.

City of Durban, March 10th.

City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.

City of Bumbay, April 4th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlisle, April 14th.

City of Rangoon, April 14th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Athens, May 18th.

City of Chester, May 25th.

Ben Line.
Benalder, to-morrow.

Blue Funnel Line.
Philadelphos, to-morrow.

Tullaghan, Feb. 7th.

Acenes, Feb. 13th.

Antelope, Feb. 20th.

Achilles, Feb. 20th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 20th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Catfish, March 5th.

Sarpidon, Mar. 8th.

Rhesus, Mar. 10th.

Trinidad, Mar. 18th.

Myndarus, Mar. 18th.

Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.

Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 5th.

Pentelous, April 10th.

Phemius, April 11th.

Agamemnon, April 15th.

Lamedon, April 24th.

Orestes, April 22nd.

Maechon, May 2nd.

Peuce, May 22nd.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

British India and Apcar Line.

Tanda, Feb. 6th.

Tilawa, Feb. 6th.

Tokala, Feb. 10th.

Tolima, Feb. 18th.

Talamba, Feb. 24th.

Takliwa, Feb. 28th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Australia, Feb. 10th.

Dodwell & Co.

Romulo, March 1st.

Tugela, March 6th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Pierce, to-morrow.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Australia, Feb. 14th.

Asia, Feb. 25th.

Afrika, Mar. 26th.

Malaya, April 15th.

Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Tanda, Feb. 6th.

St. Albans, Mar. 8th.

Arafura, April 2nd.

Glen Line.

Glenapp, Feb. 8th.

Glenluce, Feb. 25th.

Carmanthorpe, March 5th.

Glenary, March 16th.

Glenlora, April 4th.

Hamburg-America Line and

Hugo Simms Linien.

Saarland, Feb. 7th.

Havelland, Feb. 25th.

Emil Kirdorf, Feb. 28th.

Heavenstein, March 2th.

Scheer, Mar. 12th.

Carl Legien, March 23rd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tijandari, Feb. 6th.

Tijuwang, Feb. 13th.

Tijaroen, Feb. 13th.

Tijikang, Feb. 16th.

Tijikembang, Feb. 20th.

Tijipang, Feb. 20th.

Tijilak, Feb. 27th.

Tijiboe, Feb. 27th.

Tijarora, March 1st.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Arnyum, Feb. 14th.

Sphinx, Feb. 15th.

Yalou, Feb. 25th.

Portof, Feb. 25th.

Paul Lecat, Mar. 14th.

D.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.

Althos II, Mar. 28th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Kashima Maru, to-morrow.

Delagua Maru, Feb. 6th.

Tottori Maru, Feb. 6th.

Kunio Maru, Feb. 10th.

Mikimi Maru, Feb. 12th.

Tungo Maru, Feb. 16th.

Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.

Hakone Maru, Feb. 19th.

Mikimi Maru, Feb. 21st.

Korddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Anguluf, Feb. 7th.

Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Oder, Feb. 20th.

Fulda, March 18th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Karnala, Feb. 10th.

Kalyan, Feb. 24th.

Kashmir, Feb. 17th.

Maun, Mar. 1st.

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

VOLUNTEERS COMPENSATED.

[KIVNCHONOKI 18]

In view of the protection afforded the s.s. *Kwang Fook Cheong* by the

Merchant Volunteers, when that

vessel grounded in Limestone Reach

last week, the owners, the Chung

Hin S.S. Co., have paid \$250 to

this organisation.

Home Mails.

The Home mail by s.s. *Macedonia*

dated London January 5th, consist-

ed of 343 bags, with an additional

132 bags of parcels. These were

distributed at a late hour on

Thursday.

Mr. Jones In Hospital.

Mr. T. Jones of the Hong Kong

Macao s.s. *Chien Chow* is in the

Victoria Hospital suffering from

typhoid. His condition is serious,

but there is every hope of a

recovery.

Measles On Board The "Malwa."

The s.s. *Malwa* arriving from

Yokohama and Shanghai yesterday

reported one case of measles. The

sufferer was a saloon passenger.

"Lungshan" Delayed By Tide.

The s.s. *Lungshan* did not arrive

here yesterday afternoon from Can-

ton until 5.15. She was delayed by

the tide and had to be anchored at

the Bar for two hours.

A Derelict Junk.

In a report to the Harbour Office,

the master of the s.s. *Cheong Shing*

from Tongku and Wei-Hai-Wei

stated that a derelict junk was

sighted in Lat. 22° 23' N. and Long.

114° 37' E.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The Asiatic deck passengers en-

tering the Colony during the 24

hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday

numbered 531.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in

